Left- Waiting to be called on stage, **Mr. Larry Schreiber** and **Mrs. Denise Schreiber** listen as **Mrs. Jacky Uhler** energetically discusses Harvest Festival happenings. The Schreibers, influential fixtures of the school, were awarded the annual Nebraska Christian Hall of Faith award at the Harvest Festival.

Below- **Mr. Harold Cook** rolls the trash out to the dumpster. Mr. Cook diligently and consistently maintained the cleanliness of the school thoughout the school year. As he cleaned, he also prayed for the students.

Far Below- Grinning, **Mrs. Nancy Cook** whips up a delicious dessert. The cooks worked hard every day to provide students with scrumptious meals.

Far Below Right- **Mr. Robert Ziegler** makes a funny face as he fills out a student's attendance record. As the principal, Mr. Ziegler attended to students' various needs; therefore, he had little time to spare.

STANDING STRONG

The staff had the opportunity and the responsibility to assist the family and church by providing a Christ-centered education, as stated in the school's mission statement. The new secondary facility provided ample room and more opportunities for instructors to do just that. **Mr. Carl Ostrand**, a new teacher, said, "It is a privilege to work with young people and serve the Lord and community in this capacity." Similarly, **Mrs. Patty Welk,** who worked with elementary and secondary students in various capacities, said, "I have thouroughly enjoyed working at NC and am grateful that my children have and continue to receive the blessings of a Nebraska Christian education." Many challenges as well as victories permeated the school year, but the purpose of Nebraska Christian remained strong.

-Mr. Craig Lorenz

Denise Schreiber

Larry Schreiber

Charissa Smith

Cheryl Smith

Janice Stuhmer

Jane Swartz

Gordon Thiessen

Bill Uhler

Jacky Uhler

Patty Welk

Dan Woods

Kim Woods

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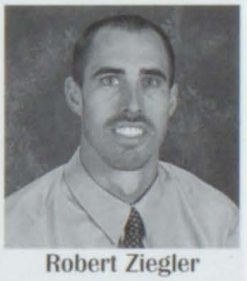
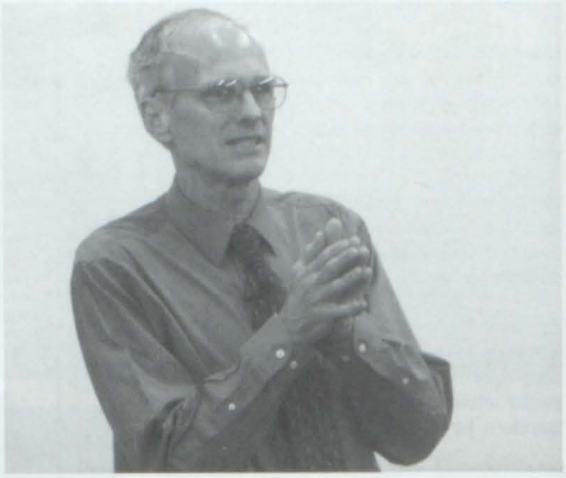

Robert Ziegler

Center- **Mr. Bruce Crevier, the *Guinness Book of World Records*** record holder for spinning the most basketballs at one time, successfully spins fourteen basketballs. Crevier and his extremely athletic family put on a show that included unicycles, athletic feats, and a gospel presentation.



SPIRITUAL TRUTH

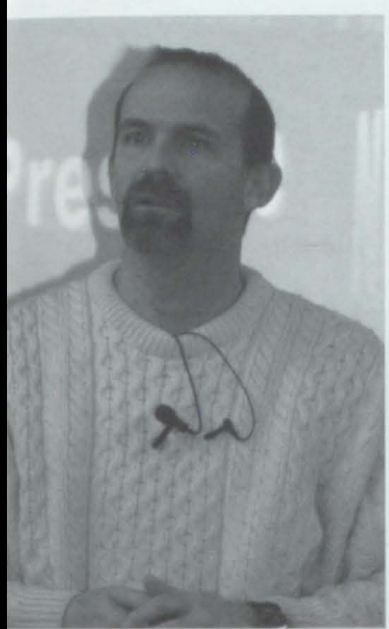
Far left- Performing a short drama, **Dale Phillips** acts out a Bible story about a leper. Phillips added a touch of the Old West to his drama for added interest.

Left- **Mr. Scott Johnson**, a former Nebraska Christian principal and a current Bible teacher, delivers a powerful message. Johnson discussed the life of one of Jesus' disciples.

Below- Delivering a presentation supporting creation, **Mr. Brian Young** shares how evolution defies multiple scientific laws. Young dispelled the myth of evolution.

Far Below- **Rick Dawson**, **Mr. Gib Killion**, and **Darren Holzinger** praise the Lord in chapel by singing worship songs. Singing worship songs at the beginning of chapel provided time to focus and put aside any distractions before listening to the speaker.

Far Below Right- **James Davis**, **Stephany Krieger**, **Shannon Rodehorst**, and **Michelle Thompson** use their musical talents to lead worship and praise. They assisted the student body in creating a beautiful noise unto the Lord.



Once a week, typically on Wednesdays, students and staff gathered in the Music and Worship room to worship the Lord in song and hear scriptural truth. Messages were shared in a wide array of talents and formats. Therefore, speakers ranged from staff members to preachers to dramatists, but no matter the speaker type, the messages ultimately focused on the same things - Jesus Christ, what He's done for us, and the Gospel.

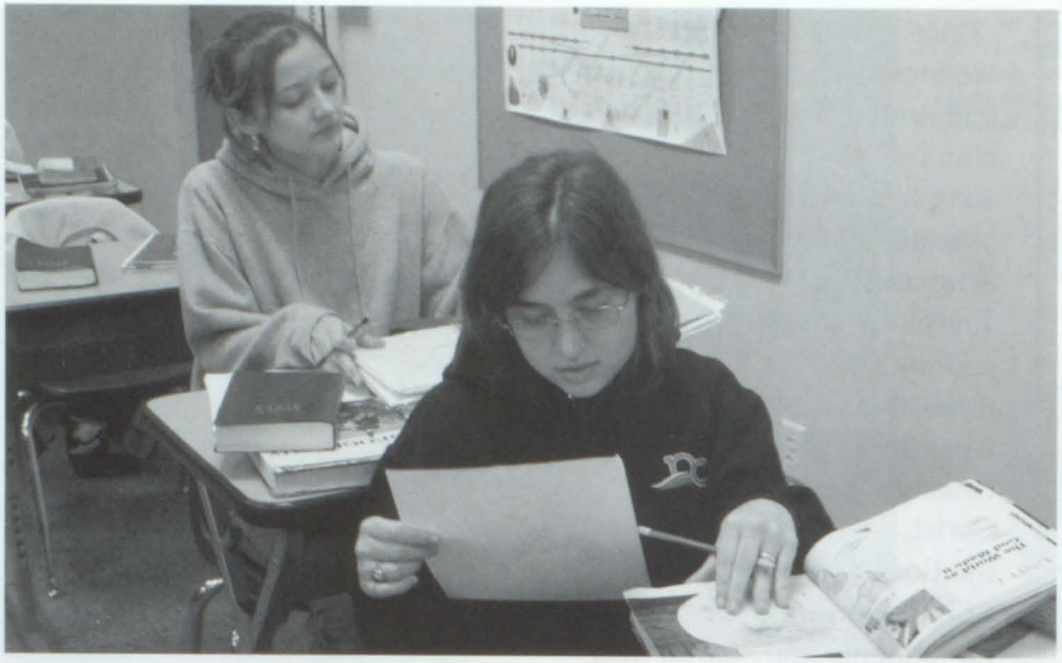
Chapel was a great opportunity for students and staff to hear others' accounts and testimonies of believers standing and delivering the seeds of salvation. The truth was not always easy to hear though. Likewise, Cheri Garwood said, "Chapel messages were encouraging yet convicting at times; the messages showed me areas in my life that I needed to change in order to become more Christlike."

Chapel presentations provided uplifting, meaningful messages that aligned with the school's mission statement and reiterated God's plan of salvation to students.

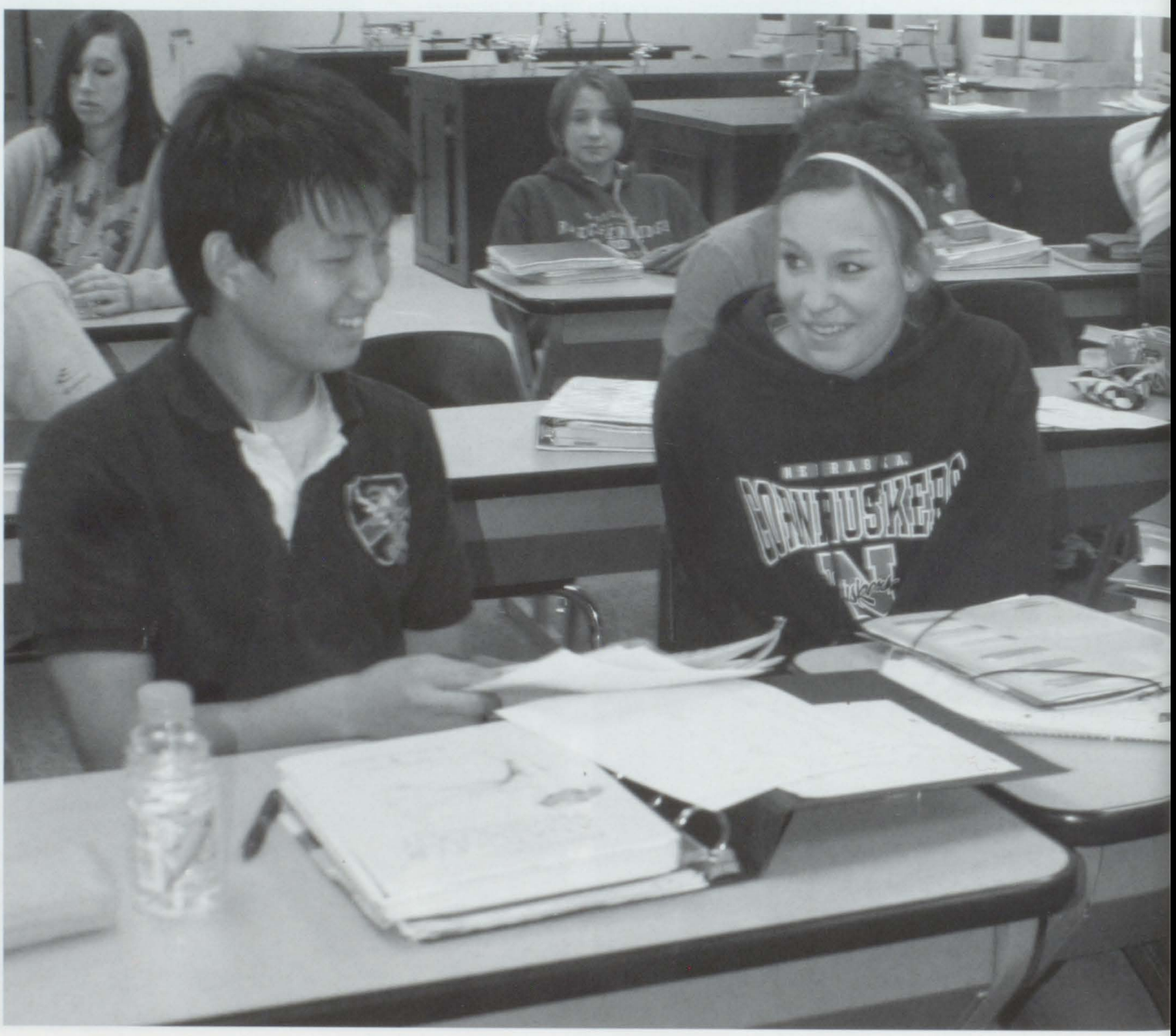
-Mr. Craig Lorenz

Far Below- **Mr. Rick Prettyman** shares a message about the life of a disciple. During the fall, a series of messages focused on gleaning practical life applications from disciples' lives.

Below- **Danielle Richards**, **Sarah Perez**, and **Elizabeth Griess** act out a skit to illustrate **Mr. Rick Prettyman's** chapel message. The skit dealt with how to love others Biblically.



Center- Utilizing Anatomy & Physiology study time, **Elizabeth Griess** and **Jae Kim** quiz each other over prefixes and terms. **Mrs. Jane Swartz** assigned quizzes frequently in Anatomy & Physiology.



BIBLICAL CURRICULUM

Bible classes, weekly chapel messages, history taught from a Biblical perspective...all these things made Nebraska Christian somewhat of an oddity among area high schools. In most public schools, prayer would be frowned upon, but at Nebraska Christian, teachers were expected to begin class with prayer and a short devotional. Students and teachers alike appreciated class prayer time because it provided an opportunity to ensure their hearts and attitudes were in the right place, which enhanced learning in the classroom. This spiritually nurturing environment at Nebraska Christian enabled students to formulate and defend Biblical views regarding controversial issues. The teaching received developed Christlikeness and leadership qualities in students' lives.

While homework consumed much of students' time outside of school, students prioritized and made time to grow socially and spiritually. Nebraska Christian provided an environment to delve into the Word, and friends of positive influence encouraged and spurred others on toward a deeper relationship with Christ.

-Cheri Garwood

Far Left- **Anna Faeh** and **Kensy Kaelin** fill out a map during geography class. Throughout the school year, geography students furthered their knowledge of foreign countries.

Left- **Audra Faeh** crams for an upcoming test during a speech meeting over lunch. Students often multi-tasked at lunch; they studied while they ate.

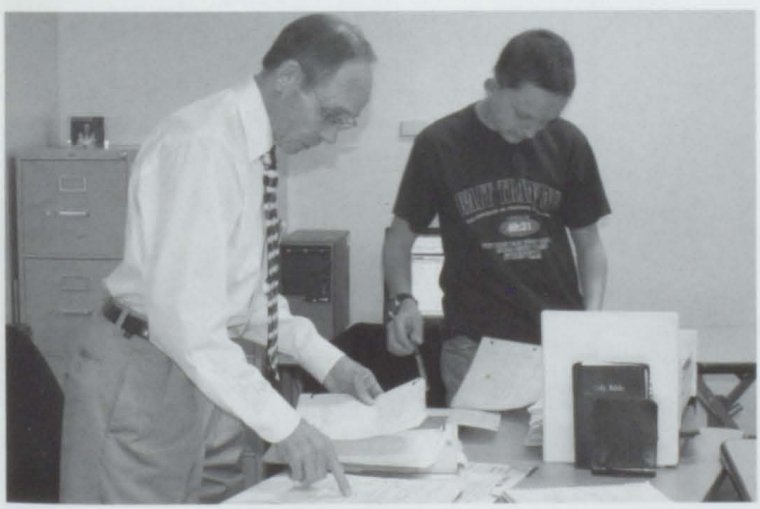
Below- Walking in between classes, **Jordan McHargue** retells a funny story to a fellow friend. The three minutes between classes provided an opportune time to catch up with friends from other classes.

Far Below- **Mr. Bill Uhler** assists **Daniel Cronk** on a difficult math assignment. Since math proved to be confusing at times, students sought help from Uhler outside of class.

Far Below Right- New National Honor Society inductees, left to right, front to back; Row 1: Audra Faeh, Rebecca Woods, Cheri Garwood, Stephanie Ritta Row 2: Elizabeth Griess, Danielle Richards

Far Below- Showing some enthusiasm, **Emily Murphy** gives a thumbs-up during a Spanish II skit. Spanish students applied their knowledge in practical ways.

Below- Waiting patiently for his turn, **Caleb Schulze** participates in a game of *Pit* in General Business. The General Business class used the game to learn about the workings of the stock market.



Remaining Firm

"I love leaving early when I don't have to clean the lunchroom."

-Johnny Chang

"Math makes me sneeze."

-Jessica Bailey

"I am an Amish man!"

-Stephanie Ritta

"Wow, the world is spinning really fast!"

-Koreley Hoehn

STUDENT LIFE THEME

Below- Concentrating carefully, **Zach Troester** and **Jamie Jividen** precisely measure the width of their pictures in art class. Students created several unique pictures throughout the semester.

Above- **An Tran** utilizes his time, while **Thayer Dungan** squanders his study hall. Tran and Dungan became good friends over the course of the year as Tran taught Dungan to play the guitar.

Center- Under the instruction of **Mr. Marlow Pedersen, Ben Thiessen** repairs an engine on an old piece of machinery. Thissen's favorite class was shop; sometimes he even forgot what class was next and went to shop instead because he anticipated shop so much.

Far Above- **Shannon Rodehorst**, **Michelle Thompson**, **Janae Landrigan**, and **Rebecca Poeffel** enjoy the Slip and Slide during the Student Council's ice cream social. All the Nebraska Christian students thoroughly enjoyed the social, from slurping delicious ice cream to leaping through car tires on the obstacle course.

Above- Sticking his arms through **Alex McCoy's** football jersey sleeves, **Coach Carl Ostrand** salutes the laughing students gathered to watch the pep rally. Ostrand proceeded to guide McCoy's arms through a high school football player's typical day.

Right- **Audra Faeh** uses chalk to decorate her class' section of the sidewalk for the chalk drawing competition. Faeh also showed her school spirit by dawning a flashy top hat, beads, and a painted heart on her face, all in blue and white.

STANDING ON THE ROCK

Excitement, adrenaline, and even some silliness defined the homecoming week for Nebraska Christian. On the first day of homecoming week, students dressed up as their favorite athletes. On the second day, the patriots of American history were seen throughout the Nebraska Christian campus. The third day honored Christian martyrs. The week culminated with the usual blue and white day at Nebraska Christian, where students wore school colors to show support to the football team at their game.

Even after all the excitement, students knew that all the festivities and fun would not fulfill their lives. No amount of worldly prizes and achievements would fulfill. "The Slip and Slide was really amazing, but nothing can satisfy like the love of Christ," said **Shannon Rodehorst.** Only Jesus Christ fully satisfied the empty void.

-Adam Richardson

"I thought the balloons would blow me away!"

-Shinri Umera

"A lot more people participated this year."

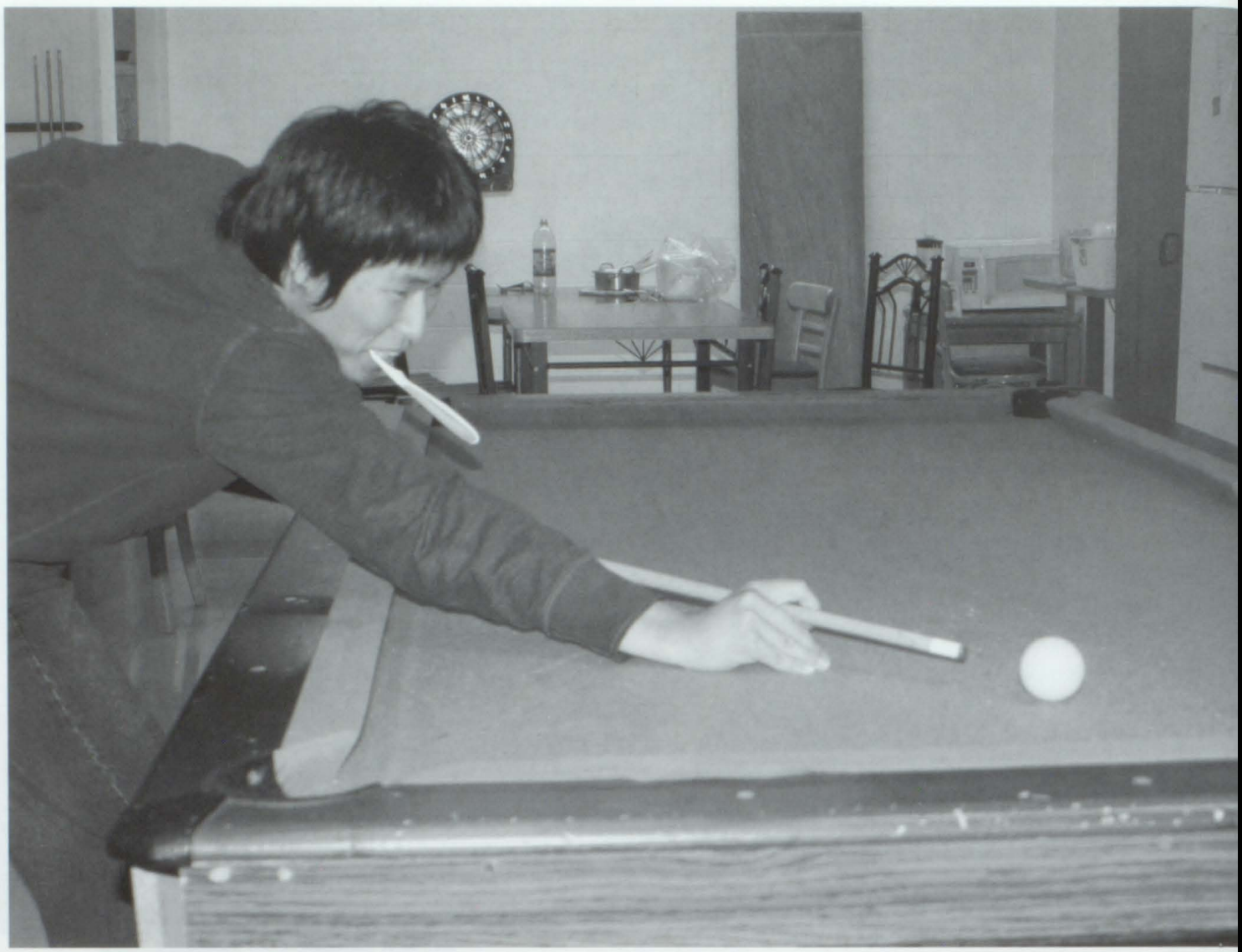
-James Davis

"It was... wet."

-Katie Bailey

Above- Accepting their crowns with honor, **Ashley Faeh** and **Mike Swanson** smile gratefully as the homecoming crowd cheers. Faeh and Swanson were selected from several respectable senior students due to their academic achievements, participation in school events, and their example to others as believers in Jesus Christ.

Below- Student Council, left to right, front to back; Row 1: Liz Smith, Cheri Garwood Row 2: James Davis, Luke Woods, Braden Swanson, Anthony Faeh, Caden Huenefeld Row 3: Elliot Murphy, Andrew McHargue, Mike Swanson



Far Above- Fingers flying, **Stephanie Ritta** and **Esther Lee** practice their music pieces. Since both Ritta and Lee had played the clarinet for many years, they were a great asset to the band.

Above- The Choir, left to right, front to back; Row 1: So Young Jung, Mindy Kim, Cody Lawson, Alex Newby, Tina Yang, Chrissy Ritta, Rebecca Woods; Row 2: Hao Hoang, Stephany Krieger, Scott Ritta, Caleb Schulze, Sarah Armatys, Anna Faeh, Kelsey Shepherd, Michelle Toukan; Row 3: Abbie Krug, Esther Lee, Sarah Perez, Michelle Thompson, Nate Ritta, Casey Beck, James Davis, An Tran, Cheri Garwood; Row 4: Stephanie Ritta, Amber Rainbolt, Braden Swanson, Casey Rose, Johnny Chang, Jae Kim, Audra Faeh, Janae Landrigan; Row 5: Brittney Shepherd, Katie Beck, Danielle Richards, Elliot Murphy, Jordan McHargue, Wes Kembel, Alycea Unruh, Rebekah Poeffel, Jen Smith; Row 6: Beth Ignowski, Liz Smith, Elizabeth Griess, Andrew McHargue, Mike Swanson, Emily Murphy, Karrah Miller, Shelby Elge

PRAISING THE LORD

The sound of music filled the halls of the gym building every fourth hour. Almost every day of the week students sacrificed their study halls, and they also sacrificed their Sunday mornings in order to participate in the music program. Why did students sacrifice so much of their precious time? Choir and band member **Janae Landrigan** said, "Our music program was popular and successful because we had something to sing about." Students had the privilege of singing about the Creator and Savior of the Universe - Jesus Christ, which gave them a purpose to sing.

The students' enthusiasm for praising the Lord through music brought success. As a result, the choir received the Goldenrod Conference Sweepstakes Trophy. Similarly, the band was named Best Band, an honor NC had not received in ten years.

-Chrissy Ritta

"Dude, the drums are awesome."

-Caleb Urban

"I love playing the flute. I enjoyed playing for a choir song, too."

-Abbie Krug

"It was a tiring musical experience!"

-Jen Smith

Left- Even though they were out of breath after a grueling basketball game, **Chrissy Ritta** and **Janae Landrigan** proudly play the Nebraska Christian school song. Many band members participated in pep band before games.

Above- The Ensemble, left to right, front to back; Row 1: Ashley Faeh, Beth Ignowski Row 2: Liz Smith, Michelle Clement, Stephanie Ritta, Brittney Shepherd, Esther Lee, Casey Rose, Mike Swanson, Andrew McHargue

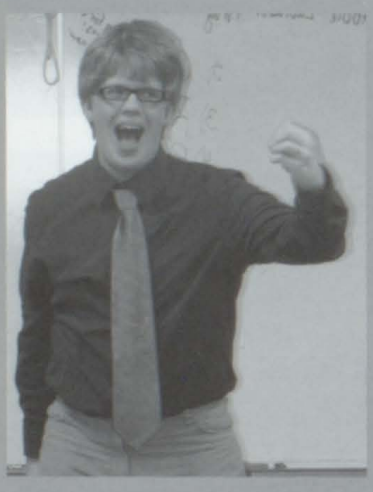
Below- The Band, left to right, front to back; Row 1: Esther Lee, Brittney Shepherd, Chrissy Ritta Row 2: Ray Johnson, Stephanie Ritta, Jae Kim, Caleb Coleman Row 3: Caleb Urban, Abbie Krug, Janae Landrigan, Rebekah Poeffel, Nate Ritta Row 4: Derek Rose, Mindy Kim, Sable Homolka, Scott Ritta, Jasmine Guo, Shawna Ritta Row 5: Anna Kirby, Kimberly Deichmann, Bekah Mead, Katherine Welk, Danielle Thiessen, Curtis Heuermann, Braden Moody

"There's an axe in my skull; how sad."

-Shannon Rodehorst

"Speech is about getting up early for a month only so you can skip two days of school!"

-Stephanie Ritta



"Speech equals letting go and laughing!"

-Kiel Hansen

"It was fun being the evil one for once!"

-Audra Faeh

Above- **Esther Lee** shares about the love of music in her speech, "The Woman Who Willed a Miracle." Lee's speech, a speech about a blind boy that received true amazing grace, illustrated the power of miracles.

Below- The Speech Team, left to right; So Young Jung, Esther Lee, Head Coach Becky Ritta, Tina Yang, Audra Faeh, Jessica Bailey, Kiel Hansen, Stephanie Ritta, Darren Holzinger, Shannon Rodehorst, Koreley Hoehn, Janae Landrigan, Ray Johnson, Abbie Krug, Rebekah Poeffel, Assistant Coach Ruth Ferris

SETTING THE STAGE

Speech members scrambled to look and feel awake early in the morning on Saturdays as they sacrificed their sleeping in to improve their public speaking skills. Drama members improved their public speaking skills by stepping out of their comfort zones. The Lord provided the power they needed to overcome their nervousness. They discovered the power of amazing grace and, therefore, worked out nervous twitches. **Abbie Krug** said, "I loved speech even though half of the time I was incredibly nervous, but it was worth it because now my public speaking is way better." Others enjoyed the feeling of a sense of accomplishment. "It was great to finally show off all of our hard work," **Jae Kim** said. The ultimate purpose of speech and drama, though, was to share the gospel. "To me speech is a great opportunity to not only better your public speaking skills, but to witness to people," said **Rebekah Poeffel.**

-Shannon Rodehorst

"I'll be in the play, as long as nobody sees my face!"

-Jessica Bailey

"Demons cower before the name of Jesus!"

-Darren Holzinger

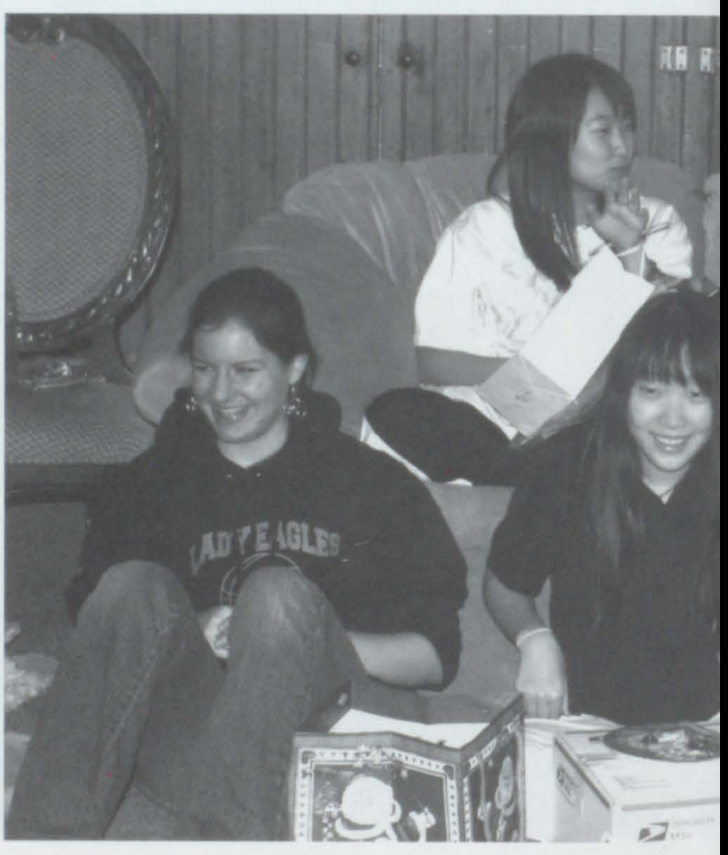
"Ahhhh! Where are you taking me?"

-Fred Lee

"When you're on stage, you are you, but you're not you."

-Tina Yang

Above- Smiling, **Fred Lee** graciously accepts helpful speaking tips from **Mrs. Gwen Prettyman**. Prettyman served as the drama team's head coach.



Far Above- **Chansoo Park** multi-tasks as he plays a game of pool and brushes his teeth. Pool was a popular past-time activity in the boy's dorm.

Above- **Hao Hoang** and **An Tran,** the only Vietnamese students in the dorms, discuss their next assignment in Vietnamese. Even though Hoang and Tran were studying English in the United States, they enjoyed being able to speak in their native language.

Right- During the Christmas party in the girls' dorm, **Janae Landrigan, Arisa Chon**, and **Mindy Kim** shares a laugh. The dorm girls munched on snacks, unwrapped presents, and watched *The Nativity Story*.

MIXING LANGUAGES

Same buildings, same rooms, same routines, but 17 new faces gave the residence halls a new look and a new sound. "I felt like I had to be a leader to the new people because I had lived there so long," said **Paul Ryu**. The six Americans in the dorm had gotten used to hearing an occasional conversation in Korean or Chinese only. Second semester, though, junior **An Tran** traveled from Hanoi, Vietnam, to live in the boys' dorm. Tran became the second Vietnamese student on campus, joining Hao Hoang, a junior from Phan Thiet, Vietnam. According to **Hao Hoang**, "I felt so glad when **An Tran** came because there was somebody I could share my feelings with from my own country." Therefore, a new language mingled with English, Korean, and Chinese on campus - Vietnamese. Nebraska Christian was not only a great place to learn English, but also to learn words and phrases in three other languages.

-Mrs. Barb Hoff

"It was fun to hang out with friends at school events."

-Yeni Kim

"Being the oldest, I had to take care of my brothers."

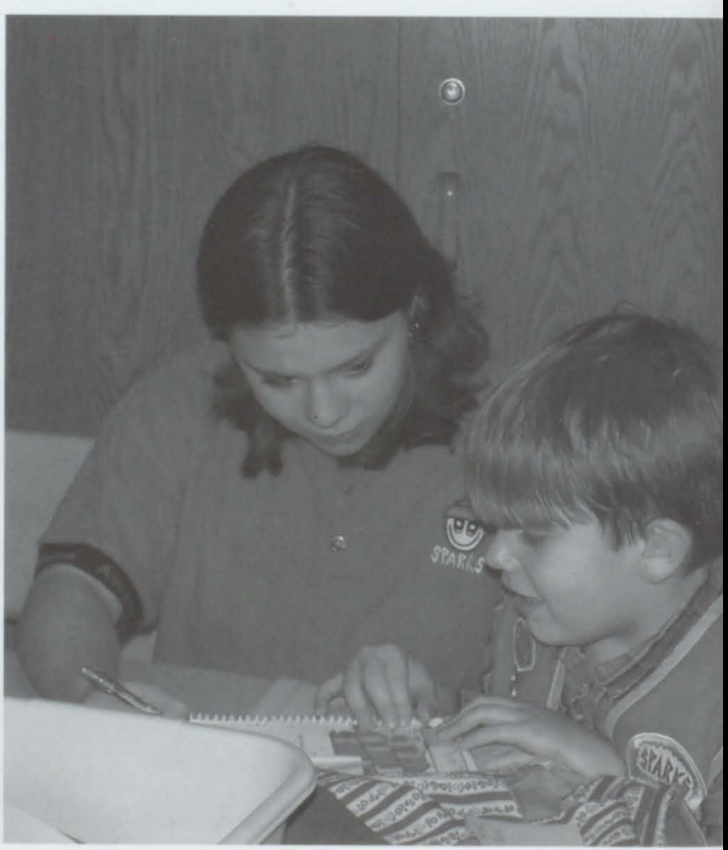
-Young-Tae Kim

"Ramen Noodles equal spicy!"

-Tim Cho

Above- **Jasmine Guo**, an eighth grader, slices tomatoes for a dorm supper. Dorm students were assigned various chores each week, one of which included helping the cooks fix supper.

Below- Dorm Students, left to right, front to back; Row 1: Esther Lee, So Young Jung, Yeni Kim, Ok Gil Kim, Alice Kim Row 2: Hao Hoang, Kensy Kaelin, Arisa Chon, Shinri Umera, Mindy Kim, Jasmine Guo, Tina Yang Row 3: Johnny Chang, Paul Ryu, Dan Yang, Shannon Rodehorst, Stephany Krieger, Janae Landrigan Row 4: Tim Cho, Young-Tae Kim, Chansoo Park, Alex Newby, Thayer Dungan, An Tran Row 5: David Kim, Jae Kim, Trevor Lee (not pictured: Kenneth Go)



Far Above- Cooling off, **Kelsey Shepherd** sits on a floating plank. Shepherd witnessed to children in the Philippines in January.

Above- Relaxing in the heat of the afternoon, **Cheri Garwood** and a friend from Mexico, Carina, enjoy spending time together despite the language barrier. In March, Garwood traveled to Mexicali, Mexico, with a group from her church to host Vacation Bible Schools for the area children.

Right- **Sable Homolka** patiently works with one of her Sparkies at AWANA on his memory verse. Homolka greatly enjoyed helping younger children learn more about Christ.

APPLYING KNOWLEDGE

Every second period, teachers instructed Nebraska Christian students about the Lord and His commandments. Many students chose to take those lessons and apply them outside the classroom. Some drove to the Harvest of Harmony parade to pass out tracts to nonbelievers. Others decided to work with younger believers at AWANA, overseeing games, and helping them hide God's Word in their hearts. "I think AWANA Sparkies are so cute when they memorize verses, and they are adorable when they sing the Sparkie theme song," said **Amber Rainbolt**.

Another unique way students put their faith into practice was by going on missions trips. Students gained perspective about the blessings in their own lives. "I never realized how the people in Haiti do not even have houses to live in," said **Casey Rose**. Choosing to act on their faith drew students closer to Christ.

-Jessica Bailey

"I wanted to witness to kids my own age."

-Koreley Hoehn

"It's fun and cool because I never do that in Vietnam."

-An Tran

"The best part was witnessing to the band members."

-Alex Newby

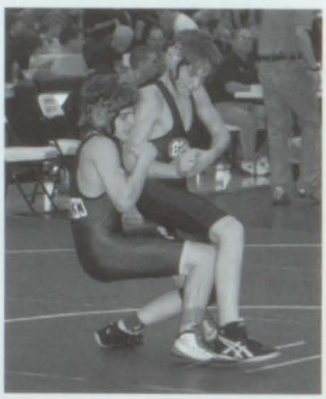
Above- Giving up their Saturday to pass out gospel tracts, **Chrissy Ritta, Ashley Faeh, Mr. Dan Woods,** and **Stephanie Ritta** discuss which group of students to approach. For the third year in a row, **Mr. Dan Woods** loaded up a bus of willing students to share their faith during the Harvest of Harmony parade in Grand Island.

Right- POP! **Janae Landrigan's** huge bubble bursts as she waits for the evening chapel at AWANA to begin, covering her face with sticky, grape-flavored gum. Landrigan did not mind; she enjoyed making her AWANA kids giggle.

Preparing for Battle

"This year was not about winning, but about heart."

-Ben Thiessen



"Our coaches taught us important things about life."

-Alex Newby

"It was fun to see us grow as a team!"

-Amber Rainbolt

"I believe I can fly!"

-Shelby Elge

SPORTS THEME

Below- Taking out his competition, **Jon Ritta** tackles the opposing player. Ritta took pleasure in using power to knock down his opponents.

Above- **Brittney Shepherd**, **Michelle Clement**, and **Shelby Elge** show appreciation for their coach, **Mrs. Tonya Ostrand**. Ostrand coached volleyball, basketball, and track.

Center- Kicking with power, **Alice Kim** excitedly crosses the finish line. Kim gave her all in every race.

GROWING WITH GOD

Leading into the 2007 volleyball season, the team expected outstanding results for the upcoming season. Throughout the season, the girls pushed themselves to the limit physically and developed their skills. Even though they experienced disappointing losses, the girls grew as a team and worked together to accomplish their ultimate goal - the glorification of Jesus Christ. Focusing on God's goals equaled true success despite losses.

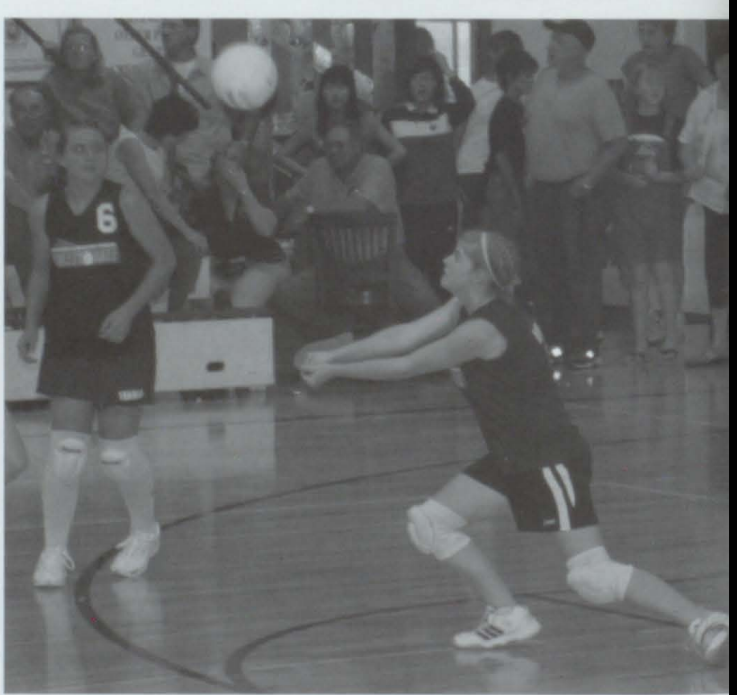
Due to a new coach, the team experienced significant, positive changes. **Coach Tonya Ostrand** stressed hard work, and she taught the girls to work with their whole hearts and to put forth their best efforts. Also, the team memorized a verse each week, and these verses corresponded with the word of the week. Romans 5:15, which states, "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus," served as the theme verse for the season. Even though the season didn't end the way the team had planned, the team succeeded in a much more valuable way by growing closer to Jesus Christ.

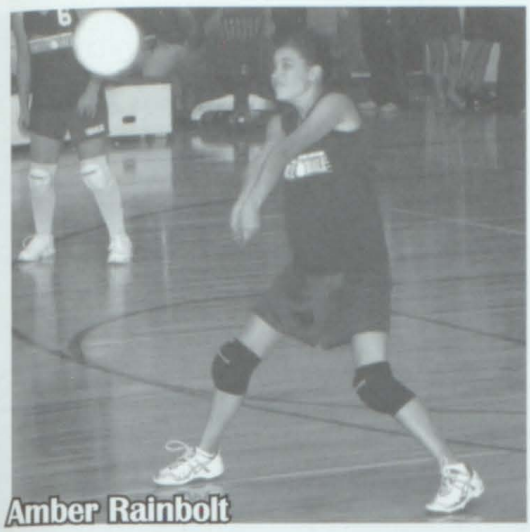
-Emily Murphy

Top Right- **Jen Smith** jumps up to spike the ball onto the opposing team's side. Smith also participated in basketball along with volleyball.

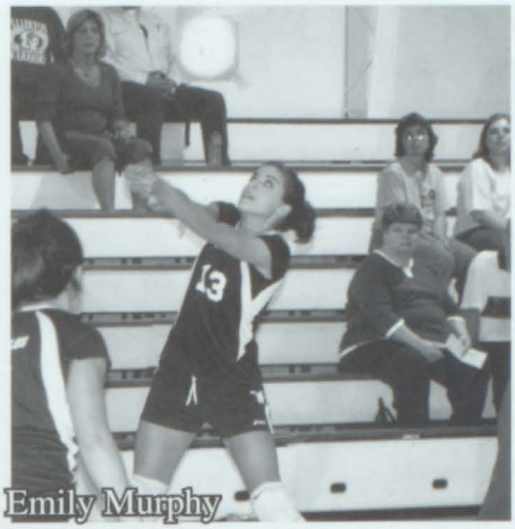
Right- **Alycea Unruh** assists **Brittney Shepherd** in getting the ball over the net. These girls enjoyed participating on the team and playing in the games.

Below- **Liz Smith, Elizabeth Griess, Michelle Clement, Karrah Miller,** and **Shelby Elge** gear up for the start of the game. The Lady Eagles went on to compete with a tremendus amount of effort.





Amber Rainbolt

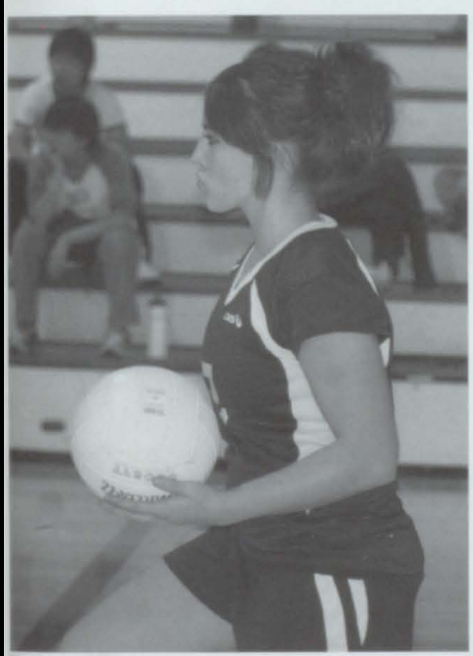


Emily Murphy

Scorebox:

Palmer	L
St. Edward	W
Nebraska Lutheran	W
High Plains	W
Cross County	L
Burwell	L
North Loup-Scotia	L
Osceola	L
Heartland Lutheran	L
Elba	L
Fullerton	L
Spalding/Spalding Academy	W
St. Edward	W
Newman Grove	L
Heartland Lutheran	W
Greeley-Wolbach	L
Greeley-Wolbach	L
Cedar Rapids	W
Arcadia	W
Palmer	L

Left- left to right, front to back; Row 1: Anna Faeh, Shelby Elge, Ashley Faeh, Karrah Miller, Lacy Tonniges Row 2: Student Manager Cailyn Ostrand, Danielle Richards, Elizabeth Griess, Michelle Clement, Jen Smith, Audra Faeh, Liz Smith, Student Manager Shelisa Boutin Row 3: Head Coach Tonya Ostrand, Amber Rainbolt, Stephany Krieger, Alycea Unruh, Sarah Armatys, Katie Beck, Brittney Shepherd, Student Manager Beth Ignowski, Student Manager Joanna Stuhmer (not pictured: Kelsey Shepherd and Emily Murphy)



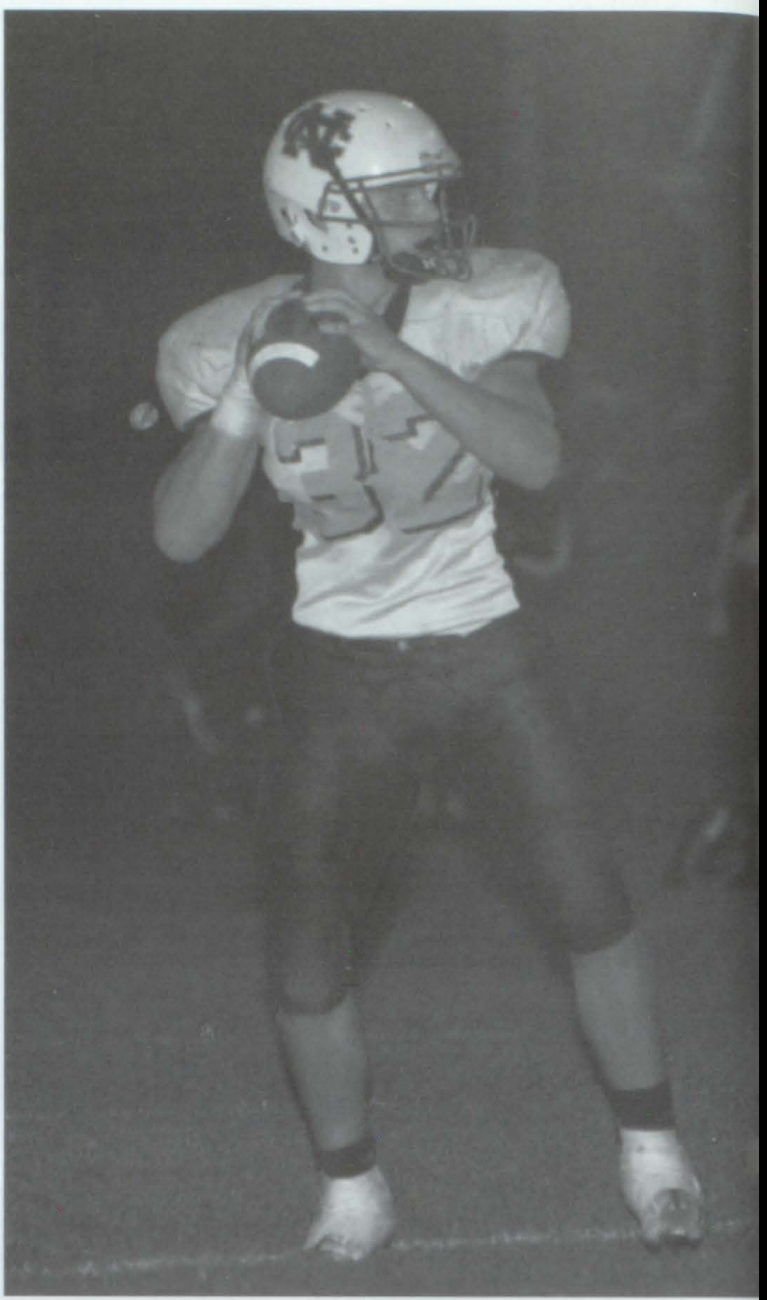
Above- **Shelby Elge** prepares to serve the volleyball. Elge contributed greatly to the varsity team.

Right- Grimacing, **Michelle Clement** leaps into the air as she spikes the ball. Clement's height benefited the team.

FACING THEIR GIANTS

The football season was filled with many challenges. The combination of only four seniors, less than twenty players on the team, and an entirely new coaching staff were among the most daunting challenges to overcome. It was not an easy season for the Eagles. A 1-7 record posed as a discouragement, but the team still ascertained a way to maintain positive attitudes throughout the season. With the collected effort of unmatched senior leadership and brilliant coaching, the Eagles pulled off an impressive homecoming victory over Silver Lake! Senior **Mike Swanson** said of the Homecoming game, "It just seemed like everything came together for the Silver Lake game." **Coach Carl Ostrand** added, "I am not sure who learned more from the season, the coaches or the players." Despite the disappointing record, many upperclassmen did receive postseason recognition, and many younger players gained much needed experience.

-Adam Richardson



Top Right- **Mike Swanson** patiently waits for the perfect time to throw the ball. Swanson was a great leader on the team, both spiritually and athletically.

Right- **Paul Ryu**, a student from Korea, breaks free from a defender. Ryu made a number of appearances in varsity games and showed tremendous potential.

Below- The senior football players, **Mike Swanson, Alex McCoy, Jon Ritta,** and **Caden Huenefeld,** pose for a picture with **Coach Carl Ostrand**. Ostrand, a new coach, encouraged the boys, both in and out of the classroom.

Scorebox:

Nebraska Lutheran	L
Deshler	L
High Plains	L
Wilcox-Hildreth	L
Silver Lake	W
Palmer	L
Kenesaw	L
Axtell	L

Top Left- **Braden Swanson** returns a punt. Swanson was a key asset to the team.

Top Right- **Jon Ritta** anxiously waits to attack the quarterback. Ritta enjoyed his last year of football as a senior.

Left- left to right, front to back; Row 1: Braden Swanson, Jon Ritta, Mike Swanson, Caden Huenefeld, Ben Thiessen, Casey Rose Row 2: Fred Lee, Jae Kim, Caleb Urban, Darren Holzinger, Elliot Murphy, Ray Johnson Row 3: Assistant Coach Craig Lorenz, Paul Ryu, Nathan Ritta, James Davis, Scott Rita, Jarrod Thiessen, Head Coach Carl Ostrand Row 4: Student Managers Andrew Swanson and Anthony Faeh

Above- **Ben Thiessen** reaches above his head to make a tough catch. He started on the varsity team.

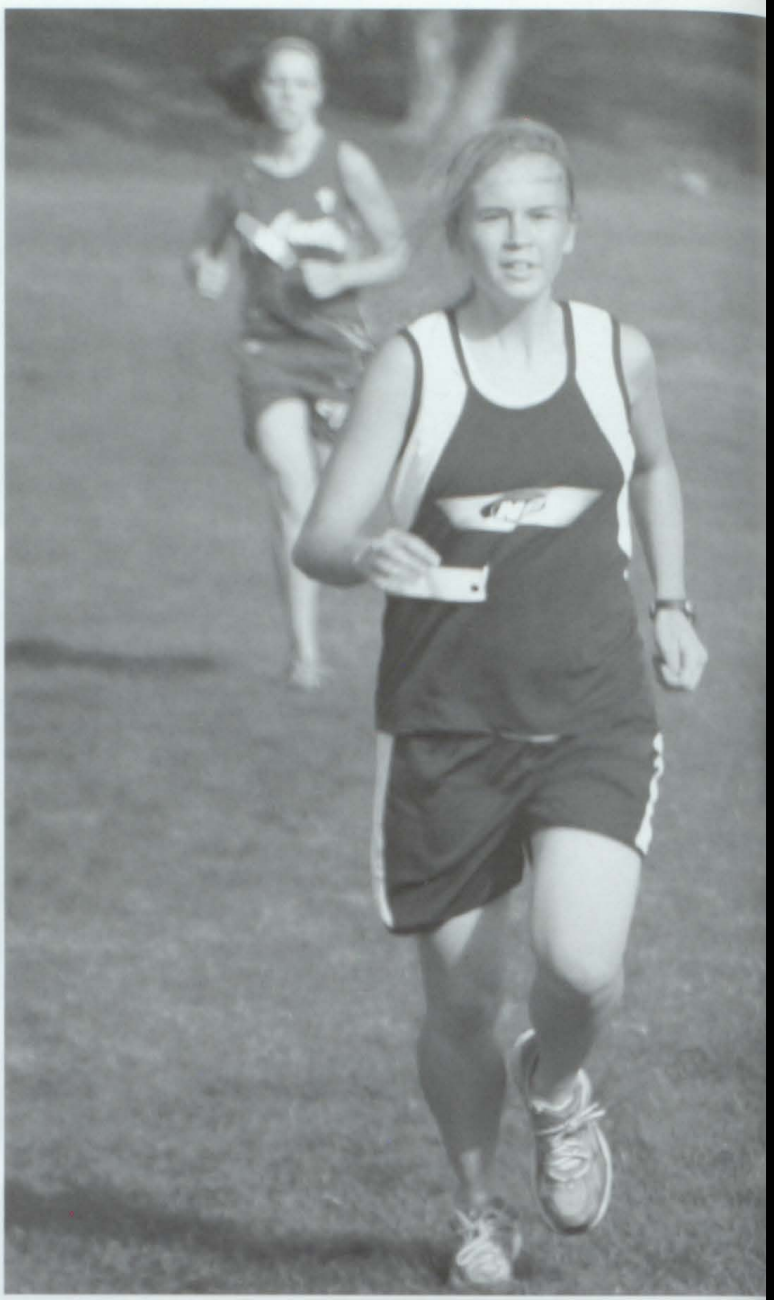
Right- **Caden Huenefeld** shows his quickness as he slips past a couple of Deshler defenders. While Huenefeld enjoyed football, wrestling was his favorite sport.

TRAINING FOR TRIALS

While many Nebraska Christian students were struggling to decipher how the days of summer had dwindled down to nothing, cross country runners had already hit the track. The attitude of going the extra mile is one of the defining characteristics of a cross country runner. Through love and support, the team soared to new heights. The miles seemed endless and the hot summer days were exhausting, but the cross country runners pushed through the obstacles in order to compete as a team.

Sparing free time for practice, the team successfully received the runner-up plaque at the conference meet at Hastings Saint Cecilia. **Rebecca Woods** said, "Although all of the girls on the team were from different grades, we all came together and formed a team." Woods credited her achievement of qualifying for the state meet at the University of Nebraska at Kearney to the Lord and to her supportive teammates. Due to the training and trials, the team was in shape not only physically, but also mentally.

-Shannon Rodehorst



Center Right- **Chrissy Ritta** repetitively counts her steps as she runs 2.5 miles in the Hastings St. Cecilia meet. Ritta showed true heart and dedication by the way she ran.

Right- After running a hard race, **Chrissy Ritta** and **Janae Landrigan** take a drink of water. The girls team received the runner-up plaque at the conference meet.

Below- The cross country team: left to right, front to back; Row 1: Chrissy Ritta, Alice Kim, Rebecca Woods, Head Coach Barb Hoff Row 2: Coach's Aid Larry Hoff, Student Manager Shannon Rodehorst, Dan Yang, Janae Landrigan

Meets:

Boone Central
Centura
Central City
Boone Central
Hastings St. Cecilia
District Meet at David City
State Meet at Kearney

Top Left- **Janae Landrigan** runs the race with speed and drive. Landrigan improved greatly over the course of the season.

Top Right- On a breezy afternoon, **Alice Kim** jubilantly runs with her fellow teammates. Kim was an invaluable source of encouragement.

Center- Posing in front of the school van, **Rebecca Woods, Janae Landrigan, Chrissy Ritta, Alice Kim,** and **Dan Yang** reflect on the season. The good old school van, also known as the big blue monster, faithfully carried the team from meet to meet.

Below- Running with determination, senior **Dan Yang** follows the path to the finish line. Yang enjoyed being part of the team atmosphere.

Above- **Rebecca Woods** tears across the finish line. Due to her hard work and dedication, Woods qualified for the state cross country meet.

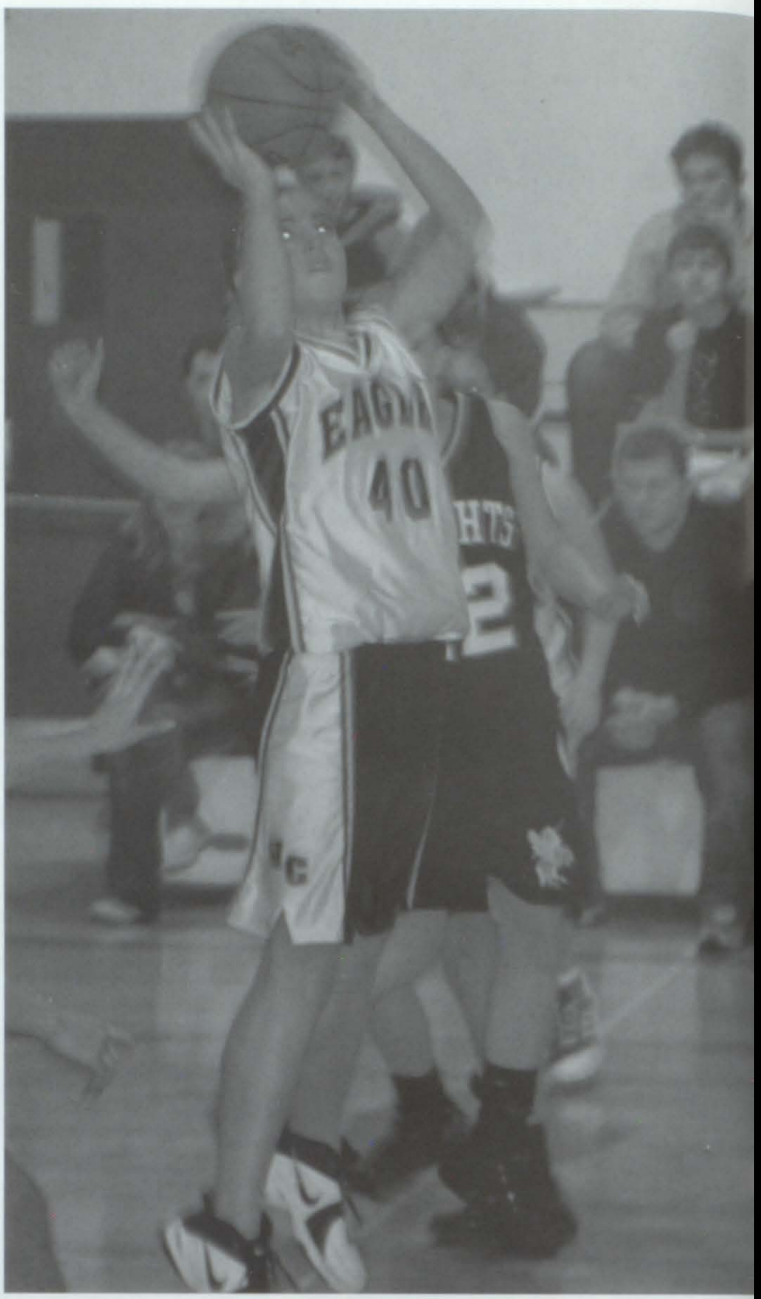
SEEKING VICTORY

With every season comes a new set of challenges, and the 2007-2008 season was no exception. One of the most obvious hardships came in the form of a small team. By the end of the season the lady eagles only had seven able bodied players left, but even small numbers could not prevent the eagles from achieving drastic improvements.

While the eagles did not manage a winning season, the team still reached some important milestones. The 2007-2008 girls basketball team not only won four more games than the previous year, they also became the first in school history to win a sub-district game.

Although winning feels good, the desire to win should not be the main goal. Throughout the season, coaches **Gordan Thiessen** and **Tonya Ostrand** continually emphasized the necessity of playing hard in order to glorify God through effort and attitude, and letting the score take care of itself.

-Chrissy Ritta



Center- Leaping high into the air, **Emily Murphy** attempts in making a jump shop. Murphy proved to be a valuable player as the 2007-2008 season was her third year as a varsity starter.

Left- Keeping a sharp eye on the opposing team, **Janae Landrigan** shifts into a defensive position. Landrigan's specialty was in protecting the basket.

Below- Left to right, front to back; Row 1: student manager Joanna Stuhmer, Ashley Faeh, Chrissy Ritta, Lacy Tonninges, Alycea Unruh, student manager Cailyn Ostrand Row 2: Jennifer Smith, Elizabeth Griess, Emily Murphy, Janae Landrigan, Amber Rainbolt, student manager Tina Yang

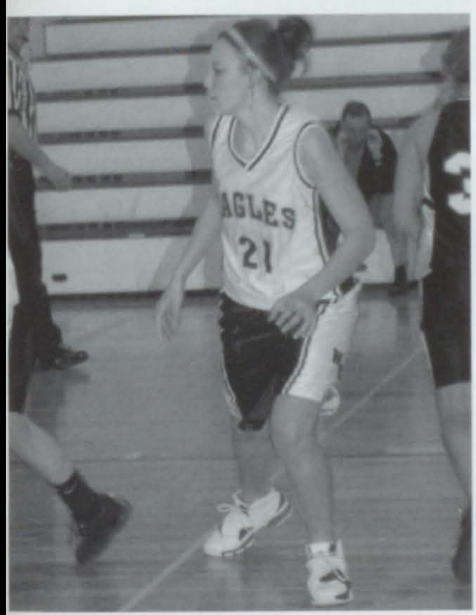
Scorebox:

Palmer	L
St. Edward	L
Elba	L
Giltner	L
High Plains	L
Osceola	L
North Loup Scotia	L
Fullerton	L
Osceola	L
Spalding Spalding Academy	L
Palmer	W
Cedar Rapids	L
Cross County	L
Heartland Lutheran	W
Greeley Wolbach	L
Shelby	W

Top Left- Ready to make a pass, **Ashley Faeh** scans the court. Faeh contributed as being a strong Christian leader for her team.

Top Right- Trying to pass the ball to a teammate, **Jennifer Smith** waits for an opening. Smith proved to be a fierce competitor.

Left- Clapping hands with her teammates, **Alycea Unruh** is being introduced as a starter. Unruh showed great promises during her freshman year.



Above- Cleverly slipping around a defender, **Elizabeth Griess** attempts to steal the ball. Griess, with her height, added a great advantage to the Lady Eagles team.

Right- Charging after the basketball, **Chrissy Ritta** breaks through a human wall of opponents. Ritta showed great leadership and faith in every sport she participated in.

BUILDING UNITY

The 2007- 2008 basketball season was rife with challenges. The combination of no returning starters, one returning letter winner, and the third new coaching staff in as many years made the transition into the new season difficult. With only thirteen total players with limited experience and only one senior, many of the players saw up to as many as six quarters of combined junior varsity and varsity action a night. The junior varsity team notched several victories, but unfortunately none could be found in varsity action. **Adam Richardson** said, "It is much harder to compete and be successful at the varsity level, as opposed to the jounior varsity level."

The team improved dramatically as the season progressed. Assistant Coach **Gib Killion** commented, "It was great to see the skill development and overall effort throughout the season." **Fred Lee** added, "We improved dramatically throughout the year. It was a lot of fun." The Eagles were more competitive in the latter part of the season nearly earning a couple of victories including a post-season win.

- Mr. Craig Lorenz

Center- Jumping into the air, **Ben Thiessen** goes up for a one arm jump shot. Thiessen was one of the highest point scorers for Nebraska Christian.

Right- **Zach Troester** and **Casey Rose** set up a 2-3 zone defense to look for a steal. Troester and Rose showed true dedication to the team as they tried their best to stop the competition.

Below- left to right, front to back; Row 1: Fred Lee, David Kim, Paul Ryu, Dan Yang, Johnny Chang, Scott Ritta Row 2: Elliot Murphy, Wes Kembel, Zach Troester, Ben Thiessen, Casey Rose, Adam Richardson, Caleb Schulze. (Not pictured: student manager Luke Woods)

Scorebox:

St.. Edward	L
Elba	L
Giltner	L
High Plains	L
Lindsay Holy Family	L
North Loup Scotia	L
Fullerton	L
Osceola	L
Spalding /Spalding Academy	L
Cedar Rapids	L
Cross County	L
Cedar Rapids	L
Heartland Lutheran	L
Greeley Wolbach	L
Palmer	L
Shelby	L
Nebraska Lutheran.	L

Top Left- **Adam Richardson** tries to spin away from the defender. **Richardson** went on to score a hoop for the Eagles.

Top Right- **Dan Yang** takes the ball to the point to set the play. As the lone senior, Yang provided much needed leadership.

Center- Praying after the game, the team shows what it takes to have the right type of attitude after a loss. One of the leaders, **Ben Thiessen,** led the two teams in prayer.

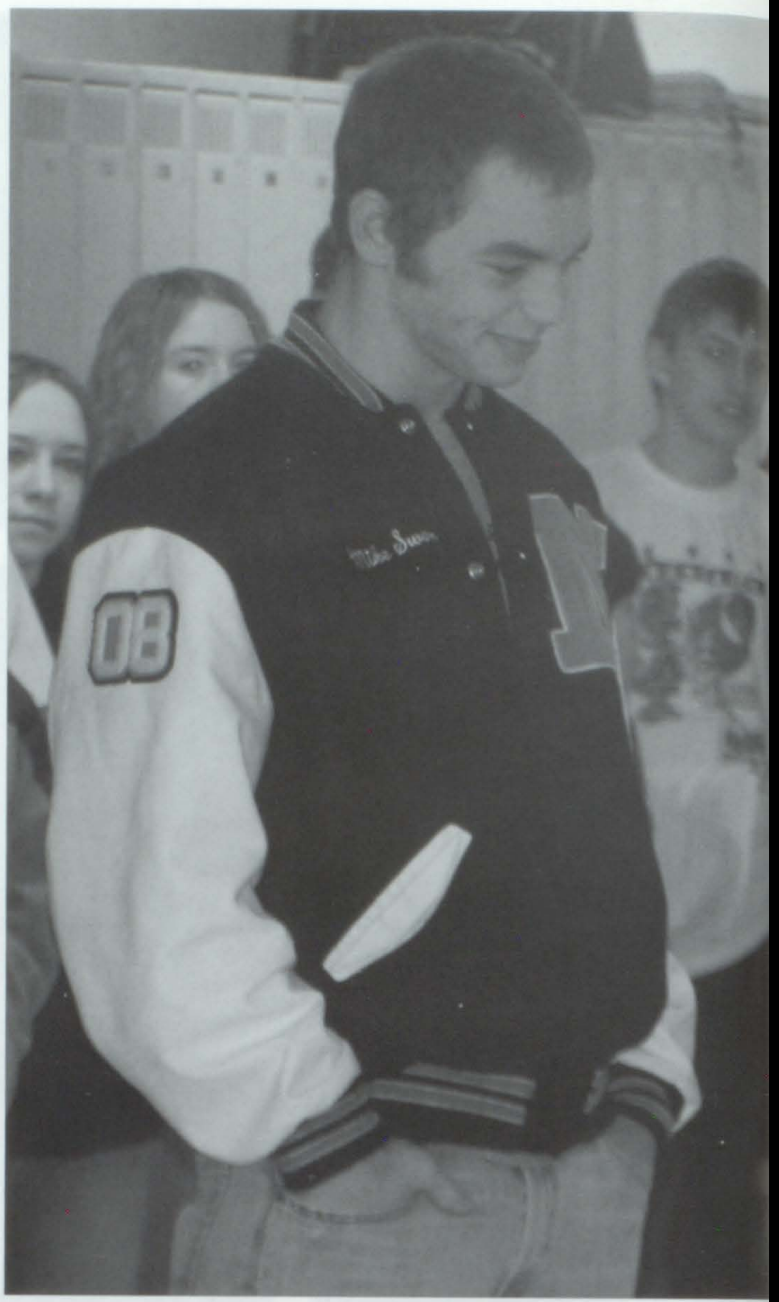
Above- Calling out a play, **Elliot Murphy** holds up a number with his finger. The team went on to score an easy hoop.

Right- **Wes Kembel,** using his speed to shake off the defender, eluded the defender and scored. Kembel was a strong competitor.

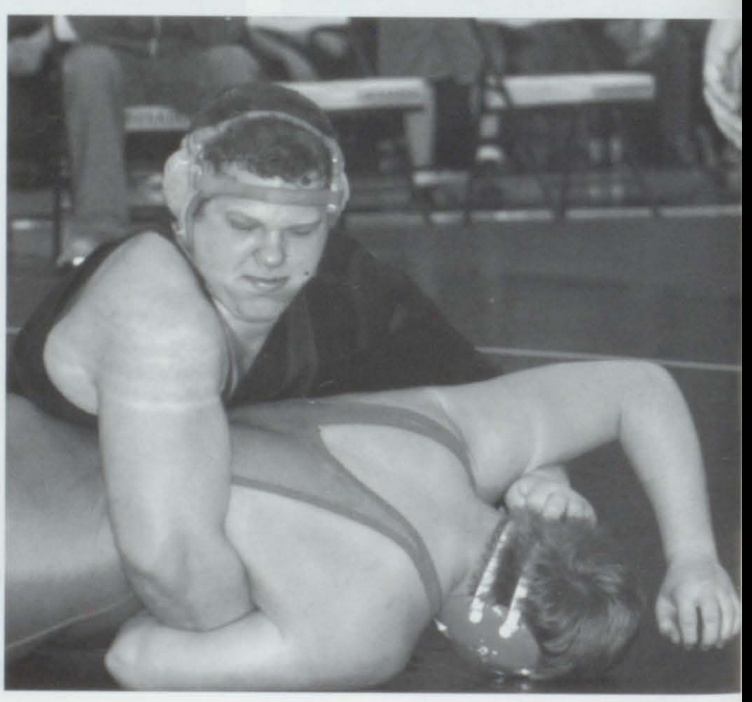
BECOMING CHAMPIONS

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another," directly correlated to this years wrestling season. No one can be a good wrestler without a partner to push him; every wrestler needed an intense partner to help push him to new levels. The 2007-2008 wrestling team was one of the most experienced group to step foot on the mat for NC, and they continued to gain valuable experience throughout the year. **Caden Huenefeld** said, "It's a team sport, but still gives you the chance to excel personally, to get out of it as much as you put in. The friends you make are some of the best. To me, it's the best sport in the world and worth it all." The four seniors led the team in countless meets where it was not unusual to have four or five medalists and many times one or two tournament champions. The season was capped off with **Mike Swanson's** state championship victory when he became the first NC wrestling state champion. As the wrestlers looked back over the four months of extreme workouts and competition, there was not a doubt in anyone's mind that it was worth all the effort put forth.

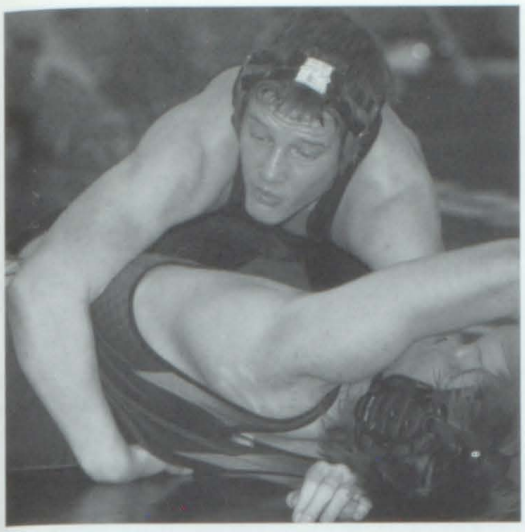
-Jon Ritta



Above Right- **Michael Swanson** gives a gratifying smile as the school sends him off to the state meet. Swanson went on to become the first state champion wrestler for Nebraska Christian.



Below- The team, left to right front to back; Row 1: Koreley Hoehn, Casey Beck, James Davis, Nathan Ritta, Thayer Dungan Row 2: Braden Swanson, Caden Huenefeld, Mike Swanson, Jon Ritta, Raymond Johnson (not pictured: Alex Newby, Jae Kim, Alex McCoy, Rick Dawson, student managers Brittney Shepherd, and Shelby Elge)



Scorebox:

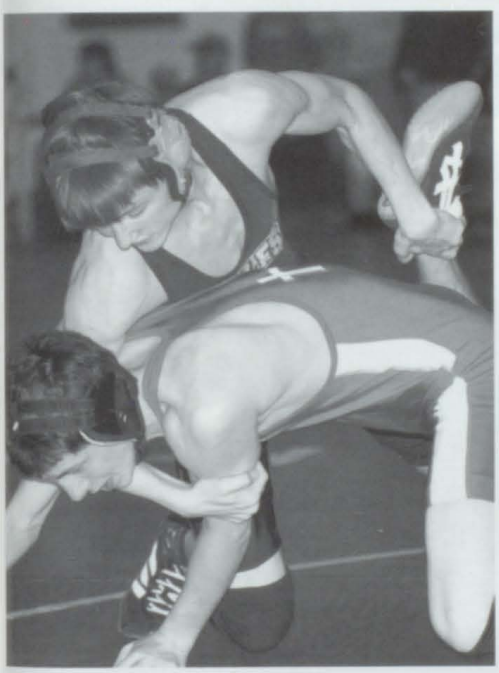
Wt.	Name.	W/L
112	Alex Newby	3-15
119	Casey Beck	2-19
125	Nathan Ritta	19-18
130	James Davis	12-16
135	Braden Swanson	22-15
140	Caden Huenefeld	33-10
145	Jae Kim	3-12
160	Thayer Dungan	0-5
160	Rick Dawson	3-5
171	Raymond Johnson	14-15
189	Michael Swanson	36-2
215	Jon Ritta	22-9
215	Koreley Hoehn	2-15
285	Alex McCoy	17-8

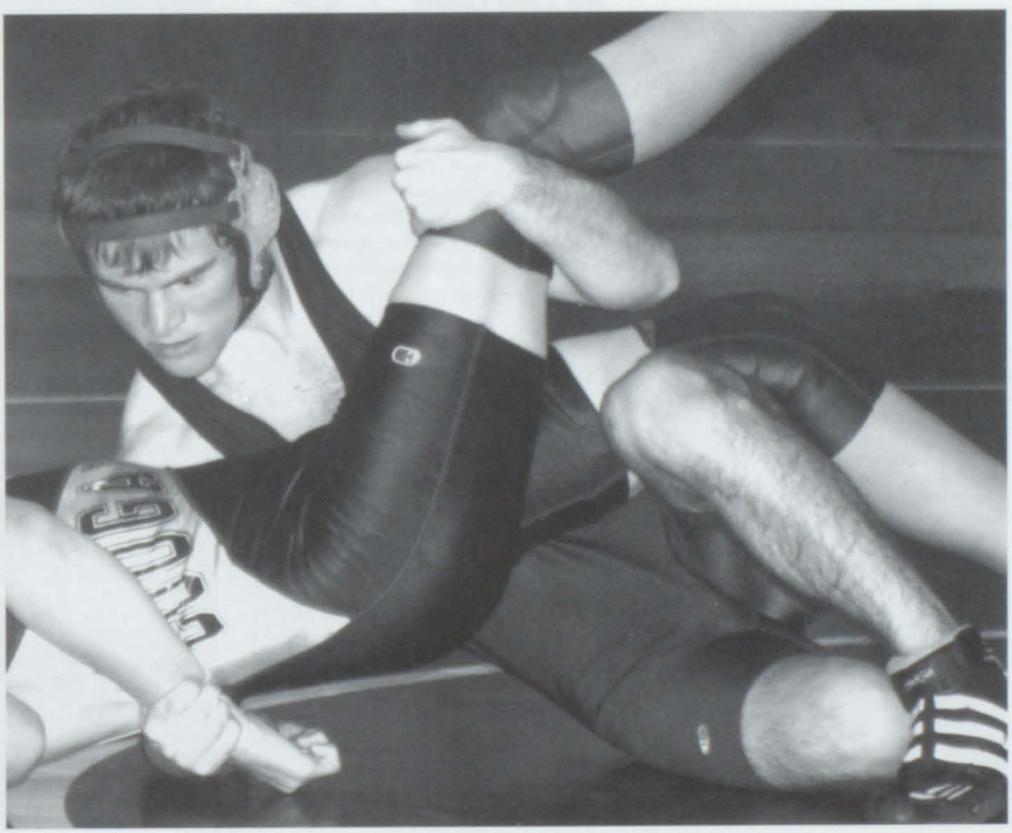
Top Left- **Raymond Johnson** attempts to pin his opponent. He shed over fifty pounds throughout the season.

Top Right- **Braden Swanson** stands up and escapes the hold of his opponent. He holds the school record for the fastest pin.

Left- **Jon Ritta** makes an attempt to pin his opponent. He finished the season strong.

Below- **Caden Huenefeld** traps his opponent with no way to escape. He finished his wrestling career with 122 wins.





Above- **James Davis** executes an ankle cross face. He was one of the strongest per pound wrestlers.
Left- **Alex McCoy** uses his strength to flip his opponent. He was very competitive as a heavyweight.

FINISHING STRONG

From biting cold snowstorms to blazing hot days, the track athletes faced a myriad of conditions in which to compete. Many participants battled injuries as well as the unusually cool spring weather, however most were still able to burn up the track due in part to support from the coaching staff and team members. **Lacy Tonniges**, said, "Some people think that track is an individual sport, but it really isn't. Without the encouragement from the track members and coaches this year wouldn't have been successful."

First year head coach Mr. Ostrand said, "I was really impressed with the effort, behavior and overall physical improvement of the athletes, which was evident in several personal reacords attained at the end of the season." Three of those athletes made the trip to Omaha to compete at the state meet. Rebecca Woods placed second in the three-hundred hurdles, Karrah Miller recieved fifth in the pole-vault, and Michelle Clement made her fourth appearance at state, placing sixth in the high jump, and seventh in the triple jump. The ladies team placed twelfth overall, capping a successful team effort.

-Mr. Craig Lorenz

Center- Tucking his legs under him, **Wes Kembel** flings himself as far forward as possible. Kembel was a great asset to the team with his athleticism and fun-loving spirit.

Below- Left to right, front to back; Row 1: Darren Holzinger, Fred Lee, Paul Ryu, Braden Swanson, Crissy Ritta, Abbie Krug, Michelle Toukan Row 2: James Davis, Casey Beck. Scott Ritta, Alex Newby, Sarah Armatys, Alycea Unruh, Janae Landrigan, student manager Stephany Krieger Row 3: Mike Swanson, Ben Thiessen, Wes Kembel, Karrah Miller, Shelby Elge, Esther Lee, Alice Kim Row 4: Elliot Murphy, Caleb Urban, Michelle Clement, Lacy Tonniges, Rebecca Woods, Elizebeth Griess, student manager Anna Faeh

MEETS:

Merrick County Invite

North Loup- Scotia Invite

Palmer Invite

Goldenrod Conference at Burwell

St. Edward Invite

Distric Meet at Osceola

Far upper left- Slamming into the sand, Senior **Michelle Clement** flings her hands out to brace herself. Clement was a four-time state qualifier.

Upper left- The banner slips against **Michelle Toukan** as she crosses the finish line. Toukan's favorite part about track was spending time with friends.

Far lower left- Arms spread wide, **Alycea Unruh** leaps as far forward as possible. Rumor has it, that Unruh was actually attempting to be a true NC eagle.

Lower left- Pumping her arms, **Abbie Krug** attempts to pick up more speed. Krug was a source of encouragement to her teammates.

Below- Thrusting his hand behind his back, **Braden Swanson** has already started running as **James Davis** tears up behind him with the baton. Swanson and Davis worked well together during the 4x100 relay.

Left- Propelling himself over a hurdle, **Elliot Murphy** sets his eyes on the competition. Murphy won first place in that meet.

Above- Pushing himself to the limit, **Fred Lee** sprints around the last bend of the 400 meters. Lee enjoyed the feeling of running under pressure.

BUILDING THE BASICS

Like a mason lays one brick upon another, likewise is the philosophy of junior high sports. In order to have a successful team, a sucessful foundation must first be laid, by building one basic skill on top of another. These foundations are laid in a number of junior high sports including volleyball, football, cross-country, wrestling, basketball, and track.

Moreover, a variety of coaches from high school students to teachers helped build the basics in the different sports. These coaches not only helped the students improve athletically, but they also proved to be excellent role models and mentors. **Luke Woods**, a talented eigth grader, especially appreciated the coaching expertise of Mr. Lorenz in basketball. Woods commented, "Mr. Lorenz looked at us boys with a different light. He saw our potential and worked with that potential to improve us a players and take us to the next level both spiritually and physically." With the help of coaches like Mr. Lorenz, junior high athletes are building a successful foundation for high school athletics along with a strong spiritual foundation for the storms of life.

-Rebecca Woods

Above Right- Andrew Swanson soars over a hurdle during the 110 meter hurdle race. Swanson improved his hurdling ability with every track meet.

Below Right- Anticipating the oncoming serve, Carrie Beck and Hannah Warnock get in correct position to recieve the pass. Passing was focused on extensively in practice.

Below- Jahn and Levi Landrigan and Luke Woods pose with their cross country ribbons. The three boys were the only junior high cross-country members.

Top Left- **Luke Woods** executes a lay-up during a basketball game. Woods was an important asset for the junior high boys basketball team.

Above- **Anthony Faeh** closely gaurds his opponent. Faeh worked hard on defense.

Far Left- **Rachel Miller** plays strong defense while assisting her teammate **Joanna Stuhmer**. Miller was a homeschool student, but was able to compete in sports.

Left- **Lauren Prettyman** runs the 100 meter dash with strength and determination. Prettyman competed in many events in track.

Below- The boys basketball team received runner-up at the Chapman basketball tournament. From back to front, left to right: Mr. Craig Lorenz, Curtis Heuermann, Luke Woods, Jake Simmons, Andrew Swanson, Derek Rose, Braden Moody, Seth Bailey, Isaac Elge and Anthony Faeh.

Above- With determination etched on her face, Katherine Welk displays perseverence as she runs the race. Welk overcame many obstacles thoughout the year and was a great asset to the track team.

Rising Above

"Finally graduated!"

-Tina Yang

"Say cheese!"

-Mr. Rob Ziegler

"Wow, what was in that punch? Coffee you say?"

-Jessica Bailey

"I enjoyed the senior trip because it helped me in my walk with Christ."

-Beth Ignowski

ACTIVITIES

Below- **Shinri Umera** poses in her enchanted style dress and tiara. One of Umera's favorite activities of the year was getting all dressed up for the Jr./Sr. Banquet.

Caden Huenefeld and **Andrew McHargue** chill during the senior trip. The seniors went to Colorado for their senior trip.

Center- **Elizabeth Smith** and **Jamie Jivaden** walk to the stage at graduation. The event marked the end of the seniors' high school career at Nebraska Christian.

Top Left- Finding interesting ways to use their time, **Alycea Unruh** and **Sarah Armatys** make funny faces for their cameras. The thirty-two hour overnight drive, showed how the members of the D.C. Trip had to use their time in fun and exciting ways, like watching movies such as *Pride and Prejudice* and *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

Top Right- Laying on **Amber Rainbolt**'s shoulder, **Abbie Krug** demonstrates the feeling that everyone was thinking about: tiredness. Though the schedule of the D.C. Trip was full of exciting places to visit, the experience often left the members exhausted.

Center Left- Standing in front of part of the WWII Memorial, **James Davis, Caleb Urban, Alex Newby** and **Thayer Dungan** support the Nebraska sign. Surprising to the members of the D.C. trip, these classmates found that there was a bit of Nebraska even in Washington D.C.

Center Right- **Fred Lee** and **Jarrod Thiessen**, chuckle at Senior **Dan Yang**'s joke. Lee and Thiessen were glad that anyone from Nebraska Christian could enjoy the trip.

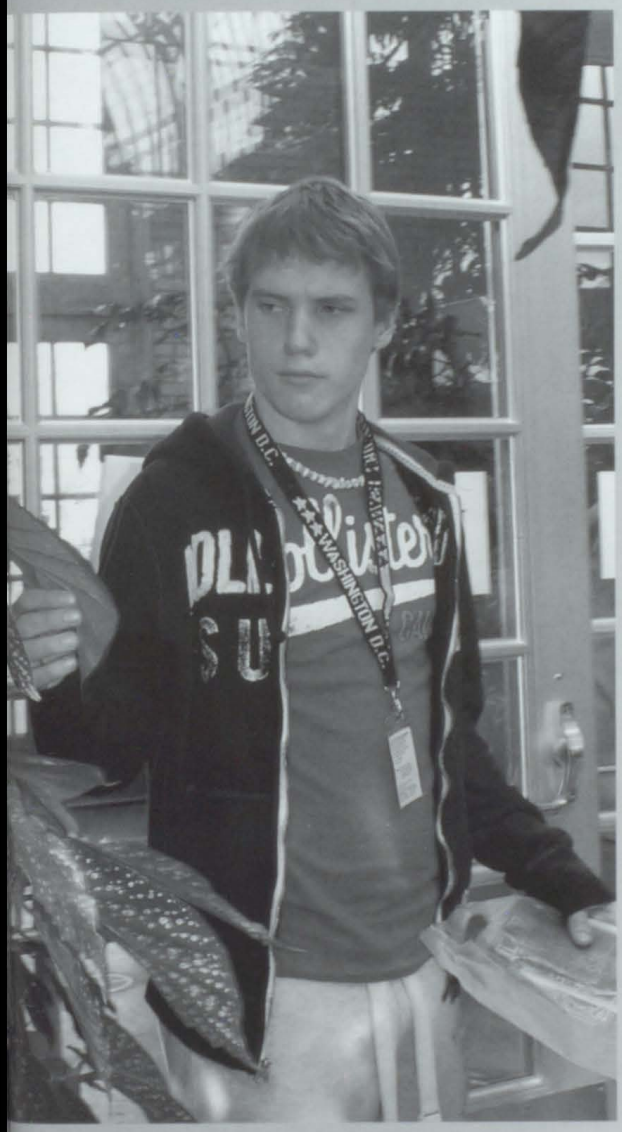
Center- Placing a memorial wreath at the ceremony for the unknown soldier, **Caleb Schulze** and **Nate Ritta** felt the honor for which they worked. Freshman and sophomores were encouraged to write a letter about why they wanted to represent NC to be eligible to lay the wreath at the ceremony.

Below- Dressing up in panda bear headbands, **Stephany Krieger, Sarah Armatys, Anna Faeh,** and **Katrina Troester,** pose for a picture at the Air and Space museum. The members on the D.C. trip had fun shopping and spending time together.

Above- **Michelle Thompson, Michelle Toukan, Johnny Chang,** and **Shannon Rodehorst** show support for their country by capturing a picture at the National Archives. Students enjoyed seeing the official documents, of the United States, on display.

Below- Determining whether the tree is real or fake, **Thayer Dungan** touches a leaf in order to come to a conclusion. The D.C. trip members enjoyed relaxing at a warmer area, such as the green house below, to escape the cool city air.

Below right- The sophomores and freshman classes, along with others who didn't go on the previous trip, pose for a group picture in front of the capitol building. The D.C. trip members shared laughs and tears through their journeys in Washington D.C.

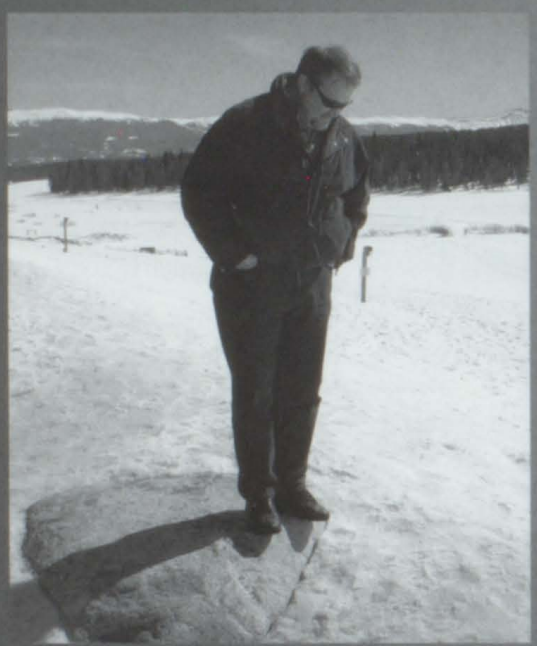


COUNTING BLESSINGS

Cruising down the snowy roads, the bus started to seem overcrowded. The multitudes of people on the bus made the idea of sleeping seem out of the question. So for the first night, sleeping on the bus consisted of calming movies, such as *Pride and Prejudice,* and plenty of Tylenol PM. **Caleb Urban** said, "Massive amounts of Mountain Dew, rocked in passing the time before we had to go to bed!" Yet, even with the Tylenol PM, there was the challenge of finding a place to sleep on the bus. Some members of the trip decided to sleep on the floor. Despite the uncomfortable ride up, the trip to Washington D.C. turned out to be quite informative.

The monuments were huge and the walks were long, but it was well worth the time on the bus for the experience. **Casey Beck** stated, "D.C. was big and loud compared to Nebraska, and I liked experiencing ***Life in the Fast Lane***." This Life in the Fast Lane consisted of hectic traffic and multitudes of people, witnessing to homeless people and watching the policemen doing their job. As a whole, the trip taught the sophomores and the freshmen the blessings they have at home.

-Kelsey Shepherd



Top Left- Falling while trying to snowboard, **Liz Smith** lays on the ground for a while. By the work of God, no one got hurt while skiing in Colorado.

Top Right– While finding a new friend on the senior trip, **Shelby Elge** and **Ashley Faeh** take a picture with their newly-found friend. Elge and Faeh always had delighted smiles on their face, such as their new friend had a painted one.

Center Left- **Liz Smith, Chrissy Ritta, Beth Ignowsi, Michelle Clement, and Shelby Elge** wave as they walk down the road to the ski resort. The senior girls appreciated walking together in the warm sunshine.

Center Right- Pondering the thought of snowboarding or skiing, **Liz Smith** and **Beth Ignowski** wonder which choice is best. The class had the opportunity to experience many new activities to do such as skiing and snowboarding.

Left- **Mr. Mike Flynn**, puzzled by the rock he's standing on, is amazed at how it comes out of the snow. **Flynn** accompanied the Seniors by driving the bus.

Below- **Alex McCoy** studies the menu, trying to decide what looks best to eat. McCoy had a hard time deciding what to eat at the many restaurant stops.

Above- The Senior class of 2008 pose for a group photograph- Left to right Jamie Jividen, Katie Beck, Young-Tae Kim, Brittney Shepherd, Beth Ignowski, Andrew McHargue, Chrissy Ritta, Liz Smith, Jon Ritta, Katie Bailey, Alex McCoy, Michelle Clement, Ashley Faeh, Shelby Elge, Caden Huenefeld.

Below- **Katie Beck** smiles with delight as she slides down the hill. Beck thought skiing and snowboarding all afternoon was a great choice for the senior trip.

Below Right- Waiting for the bus to stop in Colorado, **Caden Huenefeld, Brittney Shepherd, and Andrew McHargue** talk about what they might experience on the senior trip. The seniors did several activities on the trip such as, ice skating and snowboarding.

STANDING TOGETHER

The seniors stuffed their bags full of snow gear and clothes under the bus and departed on their senior trip for Colorado on a chilly morning. To occupy time on the long journey, **Alex McCoy** bought NAIR, a hair removal product, at a Wal-Mart stop, so the other senior guys could help him remove his arm hair. Others played cards and chatted among friends.

Eventually they arrived at Summitt Ministries in Colorado Springs. To start off the next day they enjoyed a presentation by David Eaten, the head director of Summit Ministries. He challenged the seniors' faith with a heart-felt message. Soon after Mr. Eaten had spoke, the seniors travelled through the Garden of the Gods to reach the Focus on the Family ministries building where they took a tour of the grounds.

The next day, they traveled to Winter Park and snowboarded the entire afternoon. That evening they traveled to the YMCA camp in the Rockies to stay the night and have fun skating, watching movies and enjoying hikes. The seniors' faith and friendships were stronger upon retun to NC.

-Katie Beck

Standing up, **Stephanie Ritta**, **Lacy Tonniges**, and **Chansoo Park** are clapping to the beat of the music. A local band came from Stromsburg to play and sing worship songs

Giggling nervously, **Brittany Shepherd** wracks her brain for an answer to the question presented to her. Four lucky couples were called up on stage during a hilarious game known as the Dating Game. They were each asked different questions about their dates to see if they could predict their responses.

Trapped in dodgeball jail, **Ben Thiessen** waves his arms high up in the air, pleading for his teammates to fling him a ball, his ticket to freedom. Fellow prisoners **Braden Swanson**, **Emily Murphy**, and **Kris Hoehn** press back away from guard **Ashley Faeh**.

Above Left- Lifting up his arms and waving them back and forth to the beat of the music, **Braden Swanson** laughs along with his classmates. Band member **Dan** encouraged the crowd to start singing the songs with them as they played; students went even farther and started playfully clapping and swinging their arms.

Top- Waiting for the music to begin, **Ben Thiessen**, **Andrew McHargue**, **Emily Murphy**, and **Danielle Richards** study the beautiful interior of the church. Members of the Junior class had decorated the Evangelical Free Church the evening before with Christmas trees lining the walls, snow scattered all about, garlands wound around the banisters, and flickering candles lighting up the dark room.

Above- Carefully gripping a glass pitcher nearly spilling over with colorful gum, Junior class president **Cheri Garwood** explains to the crowd that all the gum would be given to whoever correctly guessed how many pieces there were in the pitcher. The award went to **Andrew McHargue**, whose answer was closest to the 1,800 pieces.

Above- Going on the offensive, **Zach Troester, Emily Murphy, Darren Holzinger, Kiel Hanson,** and **Kris Hoehn** are preparing to rush forward and bombard the Seniors. The Juniors ended up winning most of the games simply because of an advantage in numbers.

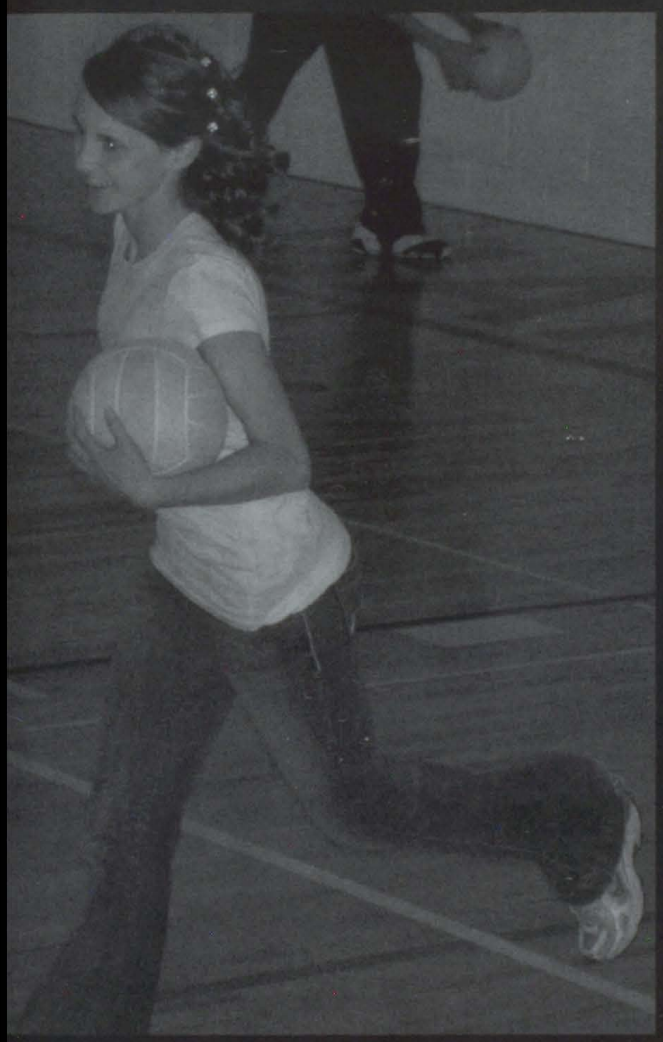
Below- After retrieving a wayward ball, **Rebecca Woods** races back to the front line to continue flinging balls at the opposing team. Woods thoroughly enjoyed the Juniors vs. Seniors dodgeball game held during the after party. The games were highly competitive, with the Juniors winning several games before teachers **Mr. Dan Woods, Mr. Carl Ostrand, and Mrs. Tonya Ostrand** dove in, allowing the Seniors to achieve their victory.

Below Right- While **Ashley Faeh** energetically describes the adventure she had driving to Junior Senior, fellow Seniors **Beth Ignowski** and **Liz Smith** scan the room for their other friends. Pounding rain complicated the drive for many students.

HONORING SEASONS

"For everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." -Ecclesiastes 3:1. An ancient truth that echoes through history is that life is not torpid, nor sluggish. Time flows steadily from one phase to another and from one season to another. On May 2, 2008, the Junior class finally unveiled a fantastic evening to honor the senior's passing season at Nebraska Christian, and to celebrate their entrance into a new season. The theme was **Seasons of Change**. "I thought the decorations at the church were spectacular. However, I have to say that the dodgeball game at the gym was more fun, even if **Mr. Ostrand** did whack me on the head with the ball," said Senior **Katie Bailey**. After an enjoyable evening at the Heartland Evangelical Free Church, the students drove to the gym to eat sloppy joes and nachos, play games of dodgeball and Steal-the-Sticks, and enjoy each others company. This was the first year an after-party was planned and hosted by the entire Junior class. Another new addition were the T-shirts handed out as gifts to the Senior class. According to Darren Holzinger, "It was a sweet night and a good way to say adios to the Seniors!"

-Jessica Bailey



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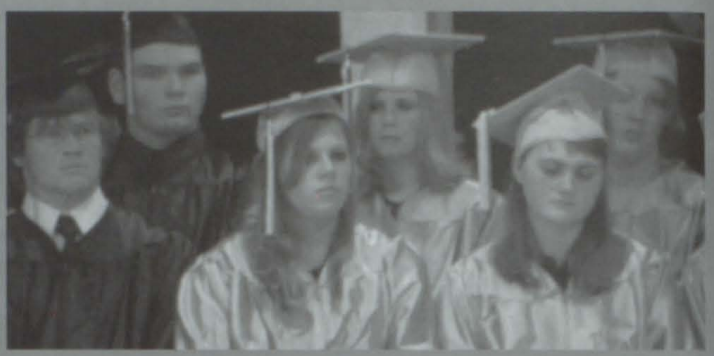


Seniors 2008

Class Flower- White Rose

Class Colors- Navy Blue and Lime Green

Class Motto- "If God exists and we are made in his image, we can have real meaning, and we can have real knowledge through what he has communicated to us."
-Francis Schaeffer

Class Verse- "If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion forever and ever. Amen."
-I Peter 4:11

Top Left- Norm Krug congratulates **Katie Bailey** while she recieves her diploma. Bailey entered Nebraska Christian as a sophmore and grew immensely in her walk with Christ through her time at the school.

Top Right- Showcasing their wonderful talent, the choir sings its final songs for the year. A number of seniors contributed to the choir.

Center Left- The seniors stand as Mr. Woods presents the class to the audience. Many parents took this time to take pictures of the class.

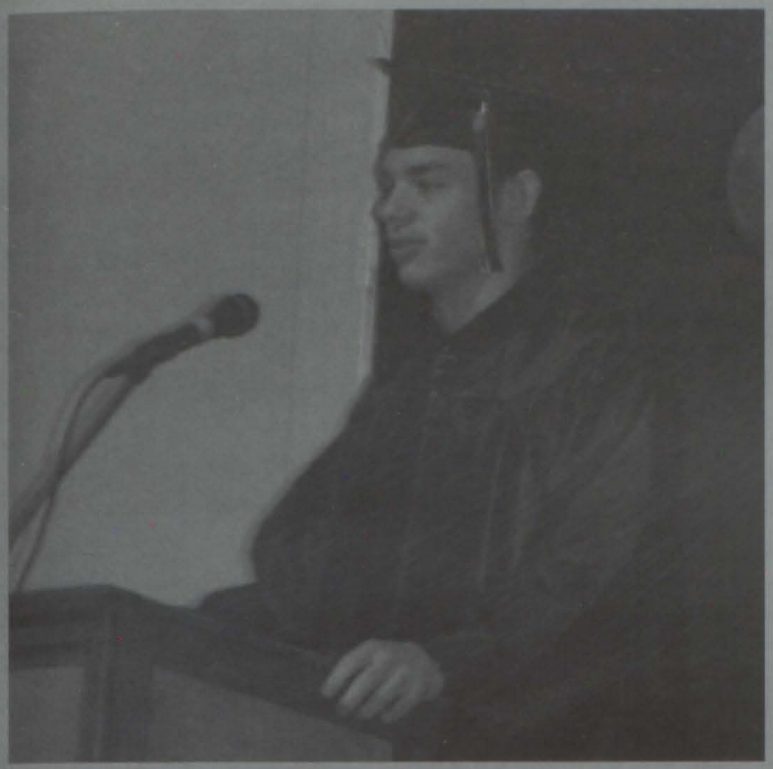
Center Right- The seniors anticipate the arrival of their diplomas. After waiting patiently for 13 years, most were excited about the commencement exercises.

Left- With precise timing, **Andrew McHargue** and **Shelby Elge** walk down the aisle. As good friends, it was a fun closing high school memory.

Below Left- Full of gratitude and praise, **Esther Lee** speaks on behalf of the senior class. Esther proved herself to be an excellent speaker.

Below- **Brittney Shepherd** smiles as she receives her diploma. Shepherd made many memories at Nebraska Christian.

Shooting Forth



Above - **Michael Swanson** presents his speech reminiscing about his days as a student at Nebraska Christian. Swanson was one of the two class speakers due to achievements.

Below - Junior escorts **Braden Swanson** and **Audra Faeh** led the seniors down the lime green aisle. They earned the honor because they were at the top of the junior class academically.

Below right- As a board member **Ed Ritta** has the privilege to proudly present a hard-earned diploma to his son, **Jon Ritta**. Many board members presented diplomas to their son or daughter.

Like an arrow pulled back in a bow and ready to release, the graduating class of 2008 was ready to leave high school behind and shoot out into the future. "Graduation is a marking of time," Mr. Woods explained at the May 10, commencement exercises, "After these seniors graduate, their lives will never be the same." **Michael Swanson** affirmed this fact in his speech by commenting about high school, "That phase in our lives is over. There is no going back now and it is time for serious change." Swanson challenged his class to live for the Lord and in turn, challenged the audience to choose Christ. Furthermore, main speaker Mr. Mark Hollick of Spirit One Christian Church in Whichita, Kansas implored the graduating class to lay aside self-sufficiency and have, "No King but Jesus."

As the senior class is released from the bow of their parents and their school, they stand prepared, equipped, and ready to confront the challenges of the future. Casting all their cares about the unknown upon Christ, the seniors stand ready to face the future.

-Rebecca Woods

Michelle,
With all the talents that God has bestowed upon you and the dreams he has placed in your heart, may you live each day to the fullest- watching as he does great and mighty things in and through you!

Love,
Mom and Dad

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entagles, and let us run with perserverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith." Hebrews 12: 1-2a

Dear Andrew,

We love you and we consider being your Mom and Dad one of lifes best adventures. You have been a joy to raise. Remember II Tim. 3:14 as you step out on your own. "But remain faithful to the things you have been taught for you can trust those who taught you." We pray we have taught you well!

All our love,
Mom and Dad

Alex,

What a blessing you are to our family! It has been a joy to see you grow into a young man who loves and walks with Jesus! Alexander means "helper of mankind" and your caring heart rings true to your name. This verse is part of our prayers for you; It is God himself who has made us what we are and given us new lives from Christ Jesus, and long ages ago he planned that we should spend these lives in helping others. Eph. 2:10 Our love and prayers will be with you as you begin this new life adventure, and we have every confidence in you!

With love and pride,
Mom and Dad

Caden,
We are so proud of you!
Love, Your Family

Above- As the sun is setting, the sun creeps off the the Administration building. The Administration building served as the office for the Nebraska Christian School.

Nebraska Christian welcomed the following students second semester:

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Wes Kembel 11
Blaine Buller P
Eli Geater P
Riley Geater P

Above- The yearbook staff: left the right, front to back; Row 1: Cheri Garwood, Rebecca Woods, Jessica Bailey, Kensy Kaelin Row 2: Adam Richardson, Shephany Krieger, Shannon Rodehorst, Fred Lee

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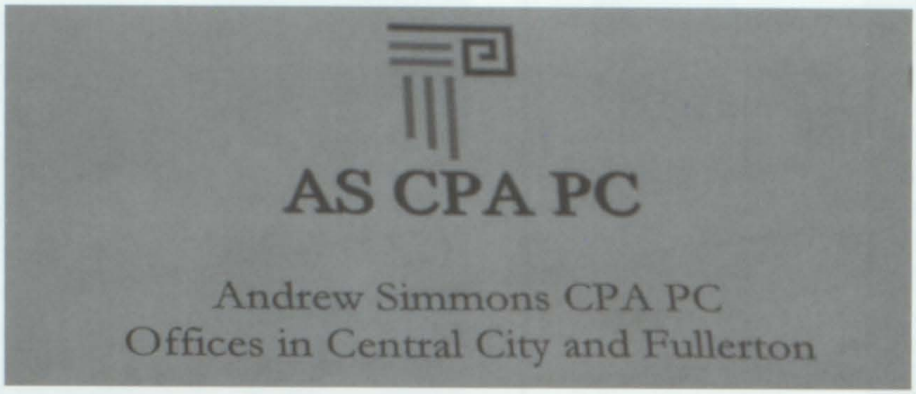

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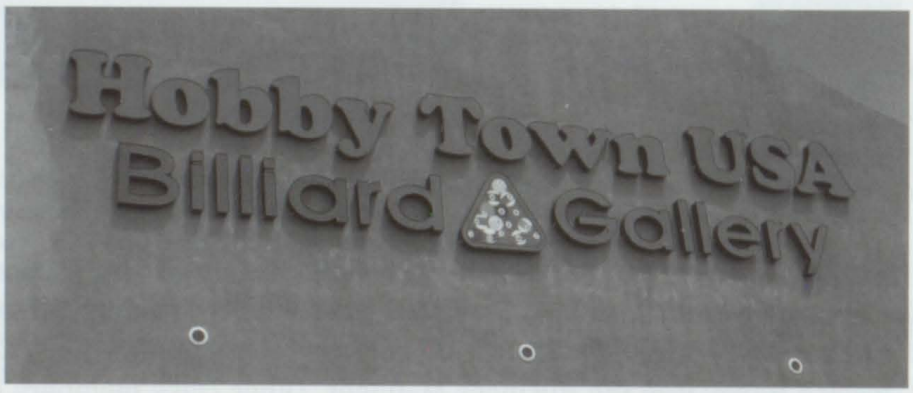

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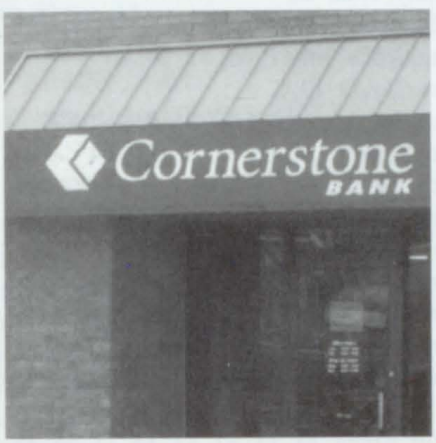

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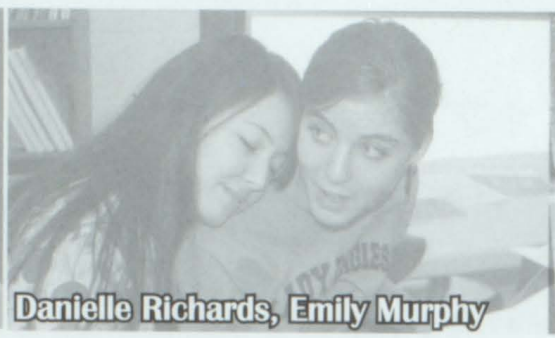
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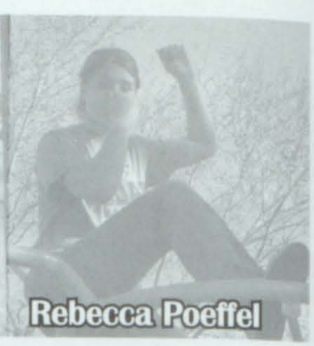
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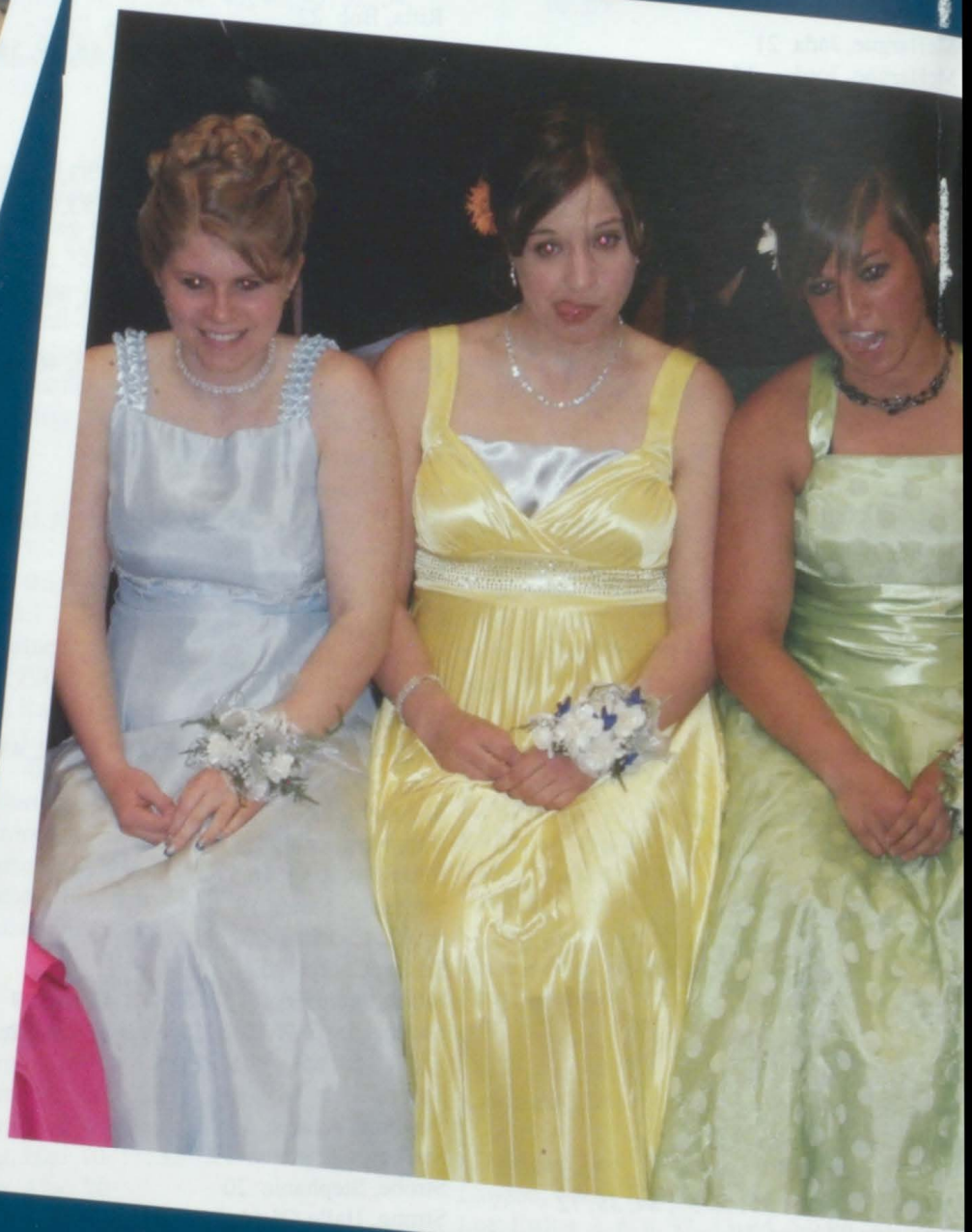
Delivering Disciples

Above- Passing the time, **Elizabeth Griess** and **Alice Kim** chat while they wait for the benefit auction to begin. Many studemts sacrificed their day off of school to serve at the auction's banquet.

On the tenth day of May 2008, 20 student disciples were delivered from the Nebraska Christian campus. **Mr. Dan Woods** presented them with their diplomas, which signified that they had completed Nebraska Christian's required study courses. Nebraska Christian's study courses prepared the senior class to stand in the face of challenges. The school also prepared the class with the spiritual information and tools needed to witness to future, nonbelieving classmates in college.

Nebraska Christian not only delivered disciples into the college realm, but also into the Central City community and into foreign countries. A number of students volunteered to be team leaders at the AWANA program at Community Bible church. Others ventured out of the community into a variety of other countries including Mexico, Peru, the Philippines,



Above- Making goofy faces, **Brittney Shepherd, Ashley Faeh,** and **Shelby Elge** relax in between picture taking sessions at the Junior/Senior Banquet. **Missy Hillmer** agreed to take pictures for the banquet.

Right- At their eighth grade graduation, **Ashley Kenny, Shelisa Boutin, Ok Gil Kim,** and **Joanna Stuhmer sing a song unto the Lord. Excited to leave junior high behind them, the girls anxiously anticipated high school.**

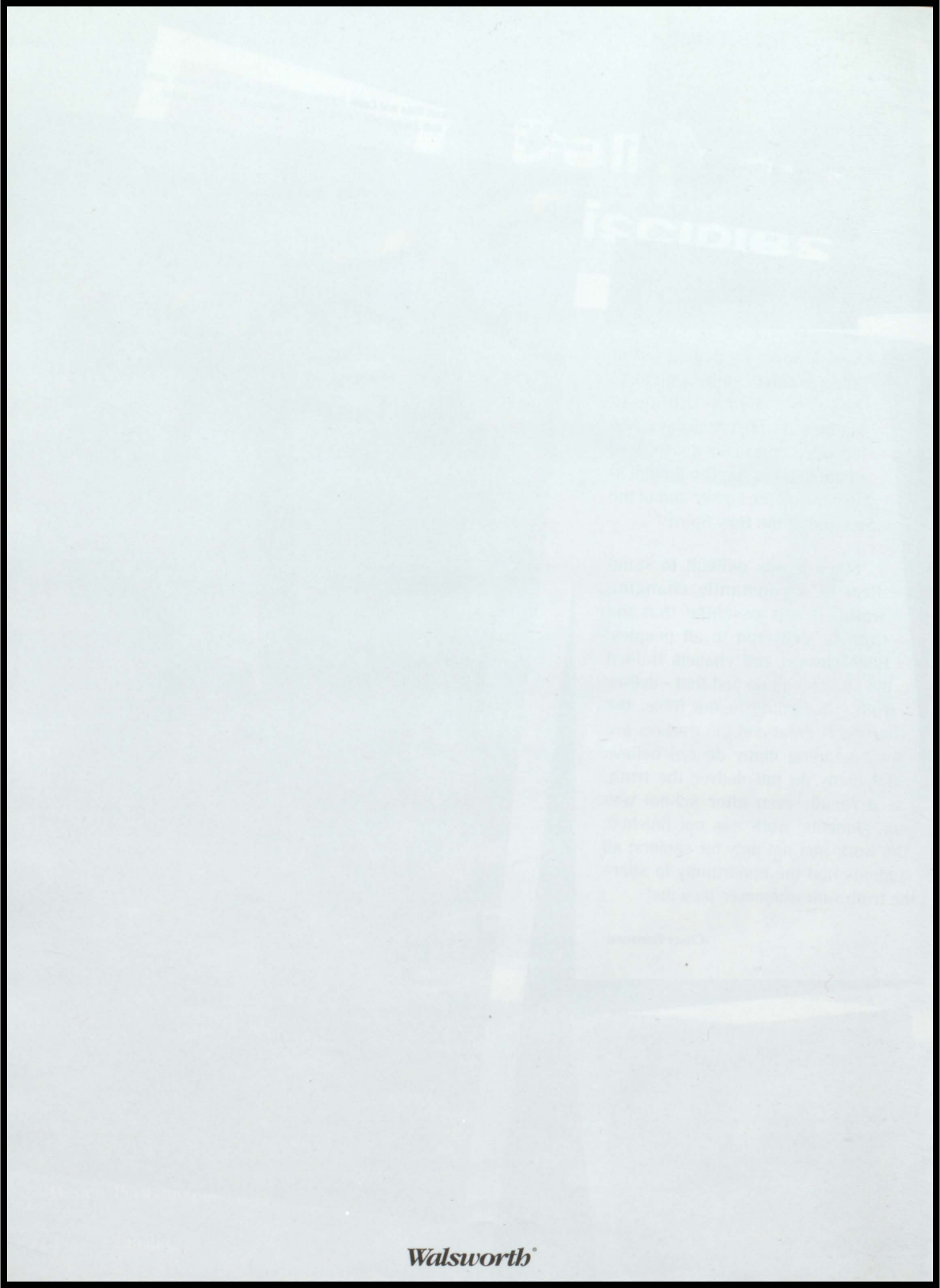
Far Right- On a lazy afternoon after school, **Amber Rainbolt** and **Rebekah Poeffel** play on the elementary playground equipment. Rainbolt and Poeffel enjoyed spending time together outside of school.

Left- Holding on for dear life, **Scott Ritta** and **Caleb Schulze** tightly grip the kids' swings at the park. For the freshman class Bible final, **Mr. Rob Ziegler** took his students to the local park for a party.

and Mexico. By getting out of their comfort zones, students answered God's calling in Matthew 28:19, which says, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

Since it was difficult to stand firm in a constantly changing world, it was essential that the truth be delivered to all peoples. Bible classes and chapels trained the students to do just that - deliver truth. According to the Bible, the harvest is great and the workers are few, meaning many do not believe and many do not deliver the truth. As a result, even after school was out, students' work was not finished. The work was not only for seniors; all students had the opportunity to share the truth with whomever they met.

-Cheri Garwood



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